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UAW-CIO Workers Picket OPA Offices In Demonstration Against Food Price Ceilings

Spicer Co. Locks Out 4500 War Workers

Government Sends Investigators To Toledo

Management at the Spicer Manufacturing Co. in effect said, "the war effort be damned" when it locked out its 4500 workers last Tuesday morning as its contribution to industrial peace and the war effort.

Claiming that the company was unable to come to any agreement with the Union over shop problems arising out of set-up and operators' classifications, Works Manager Haney said the company decided to close shop until the government could send in somebody to iron out the difficulty.

War Work Suffers

As a result of the Spicer Company's decision to close up pending settlement of its problem, hundreds of Willys-Overland employes on the "jeep" line were thrown out of work, while many other plants producing tanks, half tracks and other armored vehicles will also be affected by the arbitrary action of the Spicer management.

Immediate cause of the lockout was a controversy arising out of the company's insistence upon engineering specifications for machine set-up, and their refusal to properly classify workers in the axle division who were employed as set-up-operators but whom the company insisted do set-up work which is given a higher pay rating than operators.

Company Fires Set-up Man

James Pifer, former member of the Spicer Unit bargaining committee and a set-up man in the transmission division for the past 10 years, was summarily discharged by the company after he had refused to speed up a machine which his experience taught him would

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Spicer Office Organization Growing

Scott Rogers, in charge of the organizational work for the Spicer Unit in the Spicer office, is authority for the statement that "since the company is putting more heat on the workers, more office employes are taking an interest in organizing and are signing up in increasing numbers."

Efforts of the Spicer management to create trouble for the union in its plant has created considerable sympathy among the office workers' ranks, according to Mr. Rogers, who says that the employes in the office, seeing the spirit of cooperation and mutual helpfulness which exists in the factory, are anxious to have a similar organization for themselves.

Many new CIO members are being signed up by office employes who have but recently joined the organization themselves. These people realize the value of a strong organization and are working very hard to perfect their organization and make it a strong weapon in withstanding the pressure which the Spicer Co. is putting on all its employes at the present time.

A Real Gift

Many of the Units of Local 12 and other CIO Unions are subscribing to the Toledo Union Journal for their servicemen. For a gift that will be appreciated and will keep your fellow workers in the armed forces in touch with the truth concerning labor, no better gift could be given than a subscription to this paper. Why not remember your boys by subscribing NOW for the Toledo Union Journal.

CIO Supports FDR; Raps Lewis

Philip Murray

CLEVELAND—(FP)—Complete support of Pres. Roosevelt was reaffirmed in a 6-point program designed "to meet the realistic needs of our nation in conducting an effective offensive" which was adopted by more than 200 CIO leaders at an enlarged meeting of the CIO national executive board here May 15.

At the same time the board strongly condemned John L. Lewis attacks on The Natl. War Labor Board, asserting that he has "jeopardized the just demands of the United Mine Workers of America by exploiting the injustice of the mining industry in furtherance of his personal and political vendetta against the President of the United States, our commander-in-chief."

The leadership of CIO Pres. Philip Murray, on the other hand,

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Wage Data Speeded Up By WLB

CLEVELAND, O., May 23.—The Regional War Labor Board is speeding up the gathering of wage data in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia for the purpose of determining wage brackets for particular job classifications to be used in applying the recent policy directive of Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes, it was announced today by Lewis M. Gill, chairman.

He pointed out that the Byrnes directive did not return the War Labor Board's wage policy to what it was before President Roosevelt issued the "hold the line" Executive Order 9328 on April 8.

"The directive," Mr. Gill explained, "establishes concrete limitations on the Board's authority to make wage adjustments intended to aid in the effective prosecution of the war or to correct gross inequities between rates for the same occupations in different plants.

"Inequalities between rates at different plants, as such, no longer may be a proper basis for an increase in wages."

Mr. Gill stated that establishment of the rate brackets was a difficult task that required a good many facts before the proper ranges could be determined.

He asked that employers and unions submitting wage matters to the Board cooperate in the program by supplying as much information as possible on the rates paid in the plant involved.

Rate brackets will be fixed according to areas, he said. Wage stabilization panels established by the Regional Board two months ago already have gathered some wage data in Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton and Louisville, Ky.

TWU Warns of Political Action

NEW YORK (FP)—A warning that labor will resort to independent political action if the "ever deepening trend toward reaction in the present major political parties" continues was sounded by the Textile Workers Union (CIO) as one of the last acts of its third biennial convention here.

UAW To Inaugurate Tell-It-to-Congress Week

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Thirteen midwest congressmen attended a banquet the United Auto Workers (CIO) gave in the Statler Hotel May 20 and between the soup and nuts heard blame for a present slump in workers' morale attributed directly to congress.

They heard not only what's wrong with congress, but what the UAW intends to do about arousing a win-the-war spirit in congress. A Tell-It-To-Congress Week, June 6-13, will enroll the workers in every local in UAW in Detroit in a drive to educate congress.

Some 75 leaders of locals from the shops, and representatives of the Chicago CIO Industrial Union Council, attended, after visiting congressmen and key government agency officials during the day. Chicago delegates were from the American Communications Association, United Steel Workers, Farm Equipment Workers and International Union of Fur and Leather Workers.

The program for Tell-It-To-Congress Week calls for cooperation with civic and religious groups, radio programs, a page newspaper ad, copies of which will be placed in store windows and on bulletin boards, and distribution of literature. UAW sound trucks will tour plant gate areas and workers' neighborhoods throughout the week.

Ministers will be asked to speak from pulpits on the need of responsible action in congress in this people's war. Each of 35 locals will be asked to sponsor car ads in 100 street cars and buses, so that all 3,500 in service in Detroit will be covered. Between now and June 13, 10 minutes will be reserved in each local, shop or committee meeting for writing to congress, all cards to be mailed the week of June 6.

Call for Price Roll Back

UAW President R. J. Thomas, Vice-President Richard Frankensteen and Secretary-Treasurer George Addes urged congress to adopt a resolution directing agencies to roll back the cost of living to Sept. 15. They called for a halt in legislation designed to put a strait-jacket on labor such as the Connally-Smith bill (S 796). They called for an integration of agencies responsible for manpower, price control and wage control under a responsible authority.

UAW Stages Protest at OPA Office

Part of the 200 or more demonstrators who picketed the OPA are shown parading in two lines before the Huron St. entrance of the Home Savings Bank Bldg., in which the OPA is located. The protest was forwarded to Washington by O. D. Wearley, district OPA director. Additional pictures on page 00.

CIO and AFL Plan United Mass Meeting

Acceptance by the AFL of the CIO's invitation to a unity conference was indicated in a letter from Earl Caton, AFL general secretary, to Thomas Russell, executive secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council, May 25.

In his letter to Mr. Russell, Mr. Caton stated that conference plans had been referred to an AFL committee of 10, who were engaged in effecting ways and means of combating anti-labor legislation.

Plan Mass Meeting

Mr. Caton's letter stated that the AFL would like to hold a unity mass meeting in cooperation with the CIO at some date in the immediate future which would be settled on within a few days, and that this meeting would protest the flood of anti-labor legislation in both Columbus and Washington.

CIO leaders who fostered the unity move now are awaiting some definite indication that conferences will be arranged prior to any mass meeting so that plans may be drawn up by the two organizations which will insure a well attended demonstration against the anti-labor legislation now pending in the state and national capitals.

No definite action was indicated in Mr. Caton's letter bearing upon conversations between the leadership of the two organizations for the settlement of local labor problems.

Negro Mother Of Four in Service Gets Medal

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(FP)—A simple little ceremony on the steps of the city hall here marked the first time a Negro mother in the south has received a medal of honor.

Mrs. Theresa Stockard, who has four sons in the armed forces, was awarded the medal by the Emblem of Honor Assn. of New York.

"I congratulate you and fully appreciate your fine contribution to the cause of human freedom," Mayor Thomas L. Cummings said when he presented the medal to Mrs. Stockard.

SECOND WALKOUT AVERTED

NEW YORK (FP)—Averting a second general walkout by coal miners at midnight, May 18, the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) agreed to extend the 15-day truce arranged with Solid Fuels Administrator Harold L. Ickes until midnight, May 31.

LaGuardia Calls For Labor Party

NEW YORK—(FP)—Formation of a nationwide American Labor party to protect social gains made under the New Deal was urged here May 16 by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia at a dinner of the New York State ALP executive committee.

Warning his listeners, among whom was Vice Pres. Henry A. Wallace, that forces within the Democratic party itself were plotting to scuttle New Deal legislation, LaGuardia indicated that the best guarantee that recent labor gains would be preserved was a strong, national political party of labor.

Third Party Preceeds

"As I recall history," he said, "every great change in this country has been preceeded by a third party movement. A third party might not be needed if we could have a realignment of the two major parties. But there is no sign that there will be one so long as office and power are their chief aims.

"I hope the contagion of the labor party will spread to every point in the country: to the progressives of Wisconsin and the middle west, to the progressives of the far west, and to other sections where progressive thought is rather new."

Wallace disclosed that the Roosevelt administration, through the Natl. Resources Planning Board and other agencies, is preparing a public works program of billions of dollars to insure full employment in the U. S. after the war.

Legion Editor Urges Drafting Capital

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (FP) — The American Legion is urged to emphasize its plank for the drafting of capital in time of war by a liberal legion editor, W. Burr Cullom, writing in the current issue of The Tennessee Legionnaire.

Cullom, who has strenuously opposed legion interference with organized labor, condemns the Anaconda Copper and Carnegie-Illinois Steel companies. He says pointedly: "We are beginning to suspect that fortunes now are being made in this war, some by fraud.

"And it was the legion," he reminds, "which gave wide circulation to the statement, 'For every American boy who gave his life on the battlefields of the World War, one marble mansion was erected on the boulevards of his homeland'."

Production Is Slowed, Says Thomas

WASHINGTON—(FP) — Slowdown in production is taking place. It is a slowdown at the behest of business-as-usual forces. So testified Pres. R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers (CIO) before the Kilgore military affairs committee.

When the perplexed man or woman on the production line asks, "Why?" the usual answer is "military requirements." But, said Thomas, there has been no change in the military requirement for the earliest possible destruction of the Axis powers," he said. Nor in the principle that the more guns and tanks and planes, the more decisive will be the victory, he added.

Workers Producing Too Much

Latest figures for the auto industry, said Thomas, show it is arrested at a production rate of about 8 billion dollars worth of weapons a year, instead of 12 billion expected at peak output. And with the war amounting to a climax, workers "are told that they have been producing too much—that possibly the auto industry

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Hundreds Join In Five Hour Protest Before OPA

Hundreds of Toledo workers, under the leadership of Local 12, UAW-CIO, staged a demonstration Monday afternoon and evening before the district Office of Price Administration, in the 10th floor of the Home Bank Bldg., Madison Ave. at Huron St., in protest against the OPA price methods.

Dozens of signs criticizing the OPA were carried by the demonstrators, who continued a circular march around the entrance of the office building from 5:00 to 9:00 p. m. when they broke up with a promise to return unless some definite action were taken to roll back the price ceilings to those of May 15, 1942.

Demonstration Misses Wearley

When the demonstration began at 5:00 p. m., O. D. Wearley, district OPA director had left his office, however, the CIO committee consisting of Melvin Schultz, President of Local 12, UAW-CIO, Ralph Brown, trustee, Local 12, UAW-CIO, and William Duck, CIO representative to the OPA labor advisory board, met with John O. Munn, district OPA information officer and presented their protest to him.

Mr. Schultz told Mr. Munn that he represented 30,000 United Auto Workers who were protesting freezing of wages and continued inflation of prices. He stated, "while we know that some of our people are making good money, many departments in our plants are not getting sufficient wages to meet the increased cost of living, and the prospects of getting more money for them are definitely poor. There is only one thing that can be done to aid them and that is to roll back the prices to the May 15, 1942 level."

Picket in Shifts

As Toledo plants disgorged their workers, fresh contingents entered the ranks of the demonstrators while those who had been in line dropped out to rest. Between 600 and 800 were in line during the course of the demonstration which maintained a constant group of more than 200 at all times.

Monday is a big shopping day in downtown Toledo with the stores remaining open until 9:00 p. m. Thousands of shoppers stopped to read the signs and watch the picketeers, and expres-

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Coal Miners Extend Truce To May 31

NEW YORK — (FP)—Averting a second general walkout by coal miners at midnight May 18, the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) agreed May 17 to extend the 15-day truce arranged with Solid Fuels Administrator Harold L. Ickes until midnight May 31.

UMW Pres. John L. Lewis announced the new deadline after he received a telegram from Ickes asking him for assurance that UMW members "will continue to work without interruption at midnight tomorrow, May 18."

"I express the hope that by this action the way will be opened for immediate collective bargaining conferences," Ickes said in his telegram.

No Mention of WLB

Ickes made no mention of the Natl. War Labor Board, which earlier in the day bitterly denounced Lewis for refusing to appear before it in Washington to work out arrangements for resumption of collective bargaining negotiations with the mine operators.

Lewis' reply to Ickes follows in part:

"We are impressed with the fact that your telegram reflects the public interest and that you hope to be able to institute immediately the collective bargaining conferences which we have long been awaiting. We are awaiting immediate compliance with your request and are dispatching telegrams at once to all local unions in the anthracite and bituminous coal fields of the nation."

MSGR. HAAS HEADS FEPC

WASHINGTON (FP) — Msgr. Francis J. Haas, dean of the School of Social Science of Catholic University here, and a veteran labor conciliator, has accepted the chairmanship of the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee.

AFL Miners Are Doubtful of UMW Re-Admission

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—(FP)—Readmission of the United Mine Workers to the AFL is not possible under the AFL constitution, in the opinion of Lloyd A. Thrush, Illinois state president of the Progressive Mine Workers (AFL).

"The AFL constitution permits chartering of only one union covering a basic industry," Thrush said. His is the only union at present holding a charter for coal miners in the federation.

Thrush did not say whether he would oppose acceptance of the UMW petition for re-admission, nor would he comment on the status of his organization should the petition be acted on favorably at the coming AFL convention in October.

The Progressives were chartered by the AFL in 1938 and now have some 40,000 members.

Addes Tells Auto-Lite Workers To Return to Jobs

Members of the Auto-Lite Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO, voted to return to work Thursday morning after a two-day work stoppage when George Addes, secretary-treasurer of the International Union, UAW-CIO, spoke to them at Civic Auditorium Wednesday afternoon. Addes advised the workers that they were not gaining anything by remaining away from their work because the entire matter was up to the War Labor Board for a ruling.

Union Shows Unity

Workers at the Auto-Lite walked out Tuesday morning when plant electricians and setup men grew impatient waiting for a ruling from the WLB on a wage increase asked for and were followed by the rest of the departments in a demonstration of solidarity.

Another point insisted upon by the workers was bargaining for all local Electric Auto-Lite plants. Addes informed the workers that they had already been granted this right.

No Sanctioned Strike

Mr. Addes repeated what he said previously in Toledo that no strike could be sanctioned by the international union because the officers and members of the union had mde a pledge of no strikes for the duration and intended to keep that pledge.

Addes also promised that he would negotiate with the company and try and get a satisfactory answer to the workers' wage problems.

Edward Duck, educational director of Local 12, UAW-CIO, also spoke and blamed the OPA for a considerable part of the workers' difficulties. He told the members of the Unit that if the prices and wages could be brought into adjustment in relation to each other that a good share of the workers' problems would be solved.

Work was resumed at the company plant beginning with the third shift Wednesday night.

Now's the Time

As a special concession to the workers of Toledo who are working long hours in the war industries, the Board of Elections has consented to remain open every Monday night, beginning June 7 until 9:00 p. m.

If you did not vote in the last election, you must register in order to be eligible to vote in the fall. Go to the Board of Elections, 217 Superior St., next to the Esquire Theater, at your earliest convenience and register. Your vote is as important now as it was in 1932, when the reactionaries went into a long eclipse.

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be dangerous to workers' lives and safety.

When asked by company officials why he did not speed up the machine in conformity with the engineering's specifications, Pifer replied that he would speed up the machine and operate it if company officials would stand in front of it. This company officials refused to do and thereupon fired Pifer for refusal to meet specifications called for in the engineering write-up.

Committee Disputes Discharge

Members of the Spicer Unit executive and bargaining committees protested Pifer's discharge, claiming that if the company was going to fire people for using common sense in setting the speeds and feeds of machines it might as well fire superintendents and foremen along with Pifer because they constantly reject engineering specifications when they know the speeds called for are dangerous for the men and harmful to the machines.

Committee members further pointed out that the company is only speeding up government owned machines which are frequently down for repairs for days as result of the speeds forced on them, while company owned machines are treated with respect and seldom break down from overcrowding.

Members of the committee pointed out that the company has for many months past continued to increase the speed-up, and that this is in conformity with the promise made at the outset of the war by Robert Haynes, plant master mechanic, that the workers of the Spicer would find themselves turning out one-third more production without additional increase in pay.

Refuse to Refund Government

When the committee approached the management some time ago relative to the speed-up, they were told that they had to get out more work. The management admitted the speed-up process would mean a saving for the company. When the committee informed the company that it would not object to speeding up in behalf of the war effort provided the company would pass the saving on to the government, it was informed that "it wouldn't be good businness to give anything back to the government."

Men Denied Certificates

Following closing of the Spicer plant, many workers asked the management to give them certificates of availability to enable them to secure work in other war plants which are in dire need of men; but this was refused. The United States Employment Service also refused the certificates when the workers appealed to it on the grounds that the company had protested granting of the necessary papers which would enable them to secure work in other plants.

Investigators Expected

Major John Meloan, chief of the labor branch, Fifth Service Command, Columbus, Ohia, was expected to be in Toledo for an investigation of the situation. Anthony Manjapani of the War Production Board arrived in Toledo Wednesday to conduct an investigation for the WPB, and several other federal investigators were expectd to seek to effect the reopening of the plant in order that vital war production might be resumed at the earliest possible time.

Spicer workers expressed themselves as welcoming the coming of governmental investigators because of their confidence that the company is definitely in the wrong in stopping all production in order to wait for the government to iron out its difficulties, mostly of its own making.

Haynes, Haney Condemned

All the workers at Spicer's are agreed on several points, but their favorite theme seems to be Robert Haynes, whom they called "Simon Legree Haynes." They blame Haynes for most of their trouble and claim they are being made guinea pigs of for the eventual benefit of the manufacturers' association.

Next to Haynes, Works Manager Haney is blamed for conditions which exist at the Spicer Co. plant. Committeemen say Haney was brought into the Toledo plant for the express purpose of irritating the workers and working along with Haynes to speed up the entire plant and make it possible for the company to make more profits out of the war.

Burke Explains

Tom Burke, Local 12 vice-president and member of the Spicer Unit, in explaining the Spicer situation said, "The company is trying in every way to evade its contract with the workers, and its only justification for this is what I suppose company officials would not hesitate to call 'the divine right of management'. However, we all feel that in this instance, the management pulled a prize boner which is affecting a large segment of the war effort and proves conclusively that nothing matters to the company save its own selfish interests."

Burke charged that the company had deliberately locked out its workers with practically no warning and that the people were not only willing, but anxious to work. "Our people," said Burke, "certainly can't be classed with management at the Spicer plant when it comes to patriotism. If our workers were not patriotic and the war effort was up to the people who are running our plant, it would be just too bad for the war effort."

Union Holds Meeting

Spicer employes held a mass meeting Tuesday night at Moose Hall, Cherry and Michigan Sts., to discuss their situation. They agreed they were anxious to return to work and get going in their efforts to produce the materials of war.

General consensus of opinion among the workers was that they had been ousted by the Spicer management and that it was up to the company to prove its case before the court of public opinion and the various governmental agencies dealing with the war effort. Everyone was agreed that the company had made a serious error and that it was up to the management to correct the situation.

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sions of sympathy were heard on all sides.

Housewives were heard commenting that they hoped the demonstration would have the desired effect, and that prices would be rolled back, while many office workers stood about commenting that it was time somebody went after the OPA.

Is Sensitive

Discussing the local price situation with the UAW committee, John O. Munn said, "Washington is very sensitive to these protests", and advised the committee to have a resolution drawn up and presented to OPA Director O. D. Wearley to forward to Washington.

O. D. Wearley reached by telephone stated that the local OPA office was aware that the CIO was making a demand and expected to transit a statement to this effect to OPA officials in Washington.

Protest May Spread

When the demonstration ended, Melvin Schultz told the workers, "I believe that unless some action is soon coming out of Washington, this demonstration will spread from coast to coast as more and more workers decide to force the issue and determine if the government is going to do a one-sided job of freezing wages and letting prices get out of control."

Mr. Schultz added, "this thing should have been done long ago; but we trusted the government to carry out its promise made when the war started that there would be no inflation and that both prices and wages would be stabilized."

Other organizations taking part in the demonstration were the United Retail and Wholesale Clerks, CIO, and the Textile Workers, CIO.

Word has reached the Toledo Union Journal from reliable sources that similar demonstrations are being planned for both Detroit and Cleveland.

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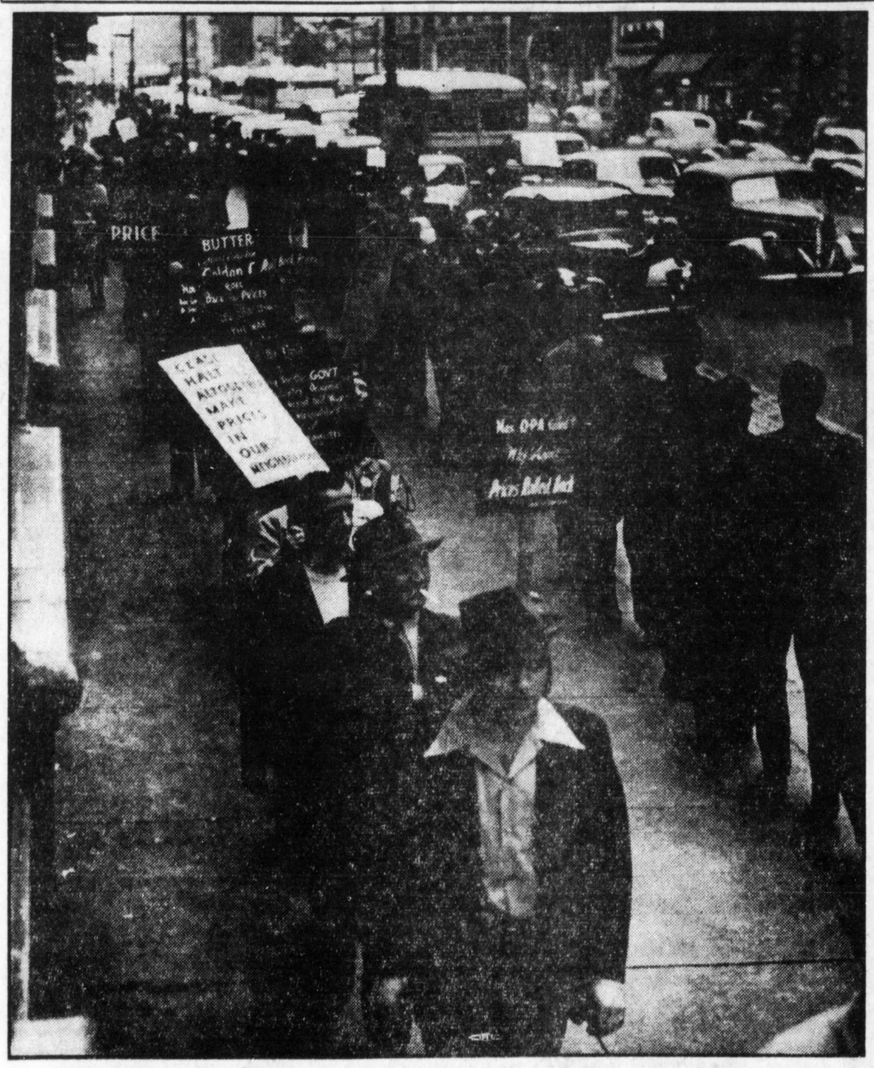

Picketeers who paraded before the local OPA office last Monday enjoyed the protest which continued for 5 hours, but were firm in their demands that the OPA cut prices to the May 15, 1942 level.

AFL May Take Miners Back

UMW Move Interpret As Coup Against Green

WASHINGTON (FP)—President John L. Lewis' petition to take the United Mine Workers back into the AFL, announced by the AFL executive council late May 19, was widely interpretated here as a Woll-Hutcheson-Lewis coup against president William Green, against President Roosevelt and against war agencies such as the Natl. War Labor Board.

Lewis' petition was presented by president William L. Hutcheson of the Carpenters Union, Republican and a violent anti-New Dealer, who with vice president Matthew Woll was involved in Lewis' bid for a CIO "accouplement" with the AFL in 1942. His petition at that time fell flat, and his final break with his lifelong friend, president Philip Murray of the CIO, followed.

Awaits Convention

At a press conference May 20 Green said that Lewis' application, to be reviewed by a committee not yet appointed, would be disposed of before the October convention of the AFL. Whether the UMW would be taken into the federation depended on "whether jurisdictional difficulties will be ironed out," he said.

He did not regard the Progressive Mine Workers (AFL) as a serious stumbling block. The council was considering admitting the UMW and retaining the PMW as a separate union, he said. When he was asked if there were other problems that might prove more difficult, he said, "I don't know of any."

When he made the original announcement of Lewis' bid, Green was asked if the UMW would have to accept the position of the AFL, in support of the WLB and the no-strike pledge for the war's duration. He replied that all AFL international unions were expected to adhere to declared general policies, but that they had autonomous powers "to deal with their own peculiar problems."

To Go Republican

In view of Lewis' Republican past, his bitter feud with the President and his "pre-Pear Hrbor isolationism," as it is called, newspaper commentators were predicting freely that an attempt would be made, if the UMW is admitted into the AFL, to swing the organization's support from the administration into the Republican camp.

This could not be accomplished without a struggle against the Green forces, it was admitte, but then it was conceded that if the Lewis-Hutcheson-Woll plan succeeded at all the three would be the dominant figures in the AFL.

It was Green, once an officer in the UMW, who led the fight to oust the UMW and other CIO unions from the AFL in 1936.

W-O Employment Office Moves

William Moore, personnel officer of the Willys-Overland Co., announced today the removal of the employment office from Wolcott Blvd. to the Central Ave. entrance to the plant.

The move was made to make the office more convenient for prospective employes to reach and to give more adequate quarters. The office will be located on the first floor of the Aluminum Forge Division office, formerly occupied by the Willys-Overland Federal Credit Union.

Important Political Meeting Called June 1

Walter Madrzykowski, president of Local 12's political activities committee, announces a meeting of the general membership of the organization for June 1, to be held at the Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., in parlor C, at 8 p. m.

Mr. Madrzykowski stated: "This is a highly important meeting, with many pressing problems which will need to be discussed. We are particularly anxious to have a large turnout for this meeting."

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should begin to convert back again to the production of passenger cars."

"Behind the talk of shipping shortages, of increased civilian needs for steel, behind every other excuse for the failure to secure maximum output is the throttling force of continued 'business as usual' pracices," said Thomas.

He did not excuse certain administrative agencies, or congress, he said, pointing to failure to enact S 607, which would set up the machinery to make total war mobilization possible, as one reason for the present division of responsibility and lack of allout production.

Business As Usual

New locomotives and railroad equipment are taking the equivalent of two-thirds of all steel assigned to the army munitions program, said Thomas, to continue business as usual on railroads. All lotment to the farm implement industry of output quotas equal to 80% of its 1940 production is a concession not to farmers but to implement makers, he charged.

Recent word from war agencies, he said, indicates that typewriters, business machine and other consumer durable goods will be turned out in expanded numbers in the next months. This, while the 1943 army supply program has been whittled down to 31 billion dollars from an original 62 billion.

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was hailed as having "defied and defeated all elements in our nation which sought, without any success, to sow the seeds of disunity in the ranks of labor and elsewhere."

Pointing out that "important struggles" lie ahead, the CIO board in its main resolution declared that "it is the task of organized labor —more than any other group—to make certain that no individual, adverse or indifferent to the outcome of our sruggle, be permitted to exploit the inherent difficulties accompanying a war as to confuse or cause disunity among the people of the nation."

The resolution praised the work of the Natl. War Labor Board and urged Pres. Roosevelt to grant it final authority to make wage adjusments necessary to eliminate gross inequities or to aid in the effective prosecution of the war without any "hampering interference" from Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Stresses Economic Points

The carrying out of Roosevelt's stabilization policy requires an actual roll-back of prices to Sept. 15, 1942, levels, limitation of salaries to $25,000 a year, the defeat of the Ruml plan, and the elimination of war profits above the 1939 peacetime level, the resolution continued. It recommended the institution of grade labeling, dollars and cents retail prices, and adequate enforcement to wipe black markets.

"The CIO has sought — unfortunately to date unsuccessfully—to impress the executive officials and congress that total mobilization could be attained only through a centralized civilian administration of our economic, manpower and production problems, as provided in the Pepper, Kilgore, Tolan bills pending in congress," the resolution declared.

Condemns WMC

Cbndemning the recent War Manpower Commission directive forbidding workers to leave one essential job for another even though the present job may pay sub-standard wages, the resolution concluded with a demand that the WMC institute regional manpower stabilization agreements to be worked out through joint labor-management committees and through greater labor representation in the WMC administrative machinery.

Unions Sue To Enjoin Kansas Law Enforcement

TOPEKA, Kas. (FP)—Attorneys for the AFL, the Kansas Federation of Labor, the CIO and the four major railway brotherhoods filed suits in federal district court here asking that Governor Andrew Schoeppel, Attorney General A. B. Mitchell and Secretary of State Frank J. Ryan be enjoined from enforcing the newly passed labor control law.

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Inflation and war seem to go hand in hand.

Thus, to prevent inflation, the National War Labor Board was formed to keep wages within the confines of the so-called "little steel formula" which is based upon the theory that living costs have only advanced 15 per cent since January 1941.

So was the Office of Price Administration formed to prevent inflation by placing ceilings over commodity prices above which prices were not to be allowed to go under penalty to the violators.

Is It True?

It is true that wages have been most effectively controlled by the War Labor Board.

But is it true that the Office of Price Administration has been equally effective?

You know the OPA has failed miserably and today stands condemned in the minds of the vast majority of the people of America.

Prevention of inflation of the workers' wages and salaries by the War Labor Board has been highly successful.

As a result of frozen wages and inflated prices, the people of America are suffering from an unjust and highly inflated cost of living which demands adjustment or the elimination of the OPA for some other and more effective means of controlling those who abuse our patriotism by gouging us.

Roll Back The Prices!

We recommend to the government and the people of this country the program recently adopted by the UAW-CIO containing the following point 1. To roll back the prices of all consumer goods to the May 15, 1942 level.

We ask all the people of the country, who, in the final analysis, are mostly workers earning their living by wages and salaries, to protest the recent price ceilings published by the OPA, and to join with us in demanding that commodity prices be rolled back to the May 15, 1942 level. Your cooperation will aid all of us and bring about economic justice so necessary to winning this war.

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"UNITED WE STAND"

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Is It An Error?

While no official judgment has been passed on the action of the Spicer Company's lock-out of its 4500 employes May 25, the general feeling by those who know all the details of the case is that the company has committed a major blunder.

Long known for its vicious anti-labor attitude, the Spicer Company has, in recent months, increased the pressure on its workers in an apparent effort to speed up production and increase profits, and equally as important to the company, to break the Union in the transaction.

As a result of the Spicer management's determined anti-union policy, and its unreasonable and unjust insistance upon dangerous speedup of government owned machines, it has succeeded in making its ple stronger than ever in their adher- e to the Union, and welded them into a close-knit organization which is deter- d to remain united come what may.

Despite its effort to justify its action in locking out its employes and discrediting them in the public eye, the public has not been deceived. Indeed, the Spicer Company's action alrady is beginning to show signs of returning to it in reverse, and it stands suspect in the eyes of all fair minded people.

Workers at the Spicer plant have patiently withstood the provocations of alleged master minds who have taken sadistic pleasure in constantly thinking up new ways and means of irritating them. They have continued to produce the materials of war in the face of very trying circumstances, which in other times would have been sufficient to cause open revolt. And Spicer employes stand ready and willing today to return to their jobs whenever the company quits its blundering and stupid pettiness and decides to get down to the business of supporting and supplying our armed forces.

In the meantime, the Spicer management doggedly and stubbornly sticks to its guns, attempting to show by its obstinate stand that it cares neither for the workers, nor the war effort. Indeed, the Spicer Company has pulled a most grievous error, one that shall be remembered long after this war has ended.

End of Patience

When the UAW-CIO staged its demonstration before the district OPA office last Monday, it marked the end of a long and patient wait on the part of the workers for the OPA to do the work for which it was created and the beginning of a determined effort to force it to either do its work effectively or go out of business.

At the outset of the war, the WLB and OPA were created to prevent inflation, an object which met with the hearty approval of the workers because no one realizes better than the workers how damaging inflation can be.

Everyone agrees that the WLB has been highly successful in carrying out the purpose for which it was created; just as everyone agrees that the OPA has proven itself utterly futile in holding up its end of the deal.

As a result of the WLB success and the OPA failure, an imbalance has been created between wages on one side and prices on the other, with the workers caught in the middle, victimized by success on one hand and futility on the other.

No one can deny the justice of the workers' claims. No one blames them for their protests or wonders at their impatience when they have suffered from mixed loses of WLB efficiency and OPA muddling.

We of the UAW-CIO do not want to argue formulas and dates, or quibble over comparative prices. We know we are being gouged and we demand an end to it. We demand that reasonable and just balance be established between what the workers earn and what they must spend for living, and the sooner this demand is met, the sooner will the industrial problem now growing daily more serious iron itself out.

To accomplish a just ratio between wages and prices, it is the belief of the UAW-CIO that the commodity price level should be rolled back to that of May 15, 1942, or, failing to do this, that the "little steel formula" be junked and a new set of values placed upon work which can be justified under the price structure which has grown up despite the OPA.

What's New

EDWARD J. DUCK
Educational Director
Local 12 UAW-CIO

THESE FABULOUS WAGES

If the daily newspapers were our only source of information we would be very much misinformed as to our financial status these days.

Edward Duck

Clever and humorous are the cartoons which portray the picture of prospective inflation, with rising prices supposedly resulting from increased wages, whereas nothing could be farther from the truth.

Yon don't have to be a student of economics to find that those who sell a product will try to get as much money as is possible from the sale of it. And it is also correct to state that the manufacturer will, as a general rule, pay as low a wage as he can, in order to lower the cost of production. Anyone who thinks otherwise is not realistic and has been listening to "stories."

FREE ENTERPRISE

This wonderful system, sponsored by the manufacturers and known as free enterprise, which is a more gentle name for it than "Freedom to exploit the workers," operates in a very peculiar way. As soon as the worker discovers that he cannot live on what he is earning, he demands more money. When he gets it he finds that he now has to pay higher prices, not because higher prices necessarily follow, but because the manufacturer of each product has said that profits must be made on the same scale as before.

The answer to the problem lies in convincing the manufacturer that he is often making an exoribtant profit from his investment. When such is the case, there are at least two groups which are affected, the people who work for such a manufacturer at low wages, or if the wages are not too low, the public which must pay an excessive price for the finished product.

CONVINCING INDUSTRIALISTS

How do you convince the industrialist or businessman that he is not supposed to get rich by exploiting his workers or the consumer?

In the last analysis legislation will probably have to do the job. The reason for this is simple: You can get all the wage increases you want, but unless you can tie down the cost of living, these increases will amount to nothing—except the ogre, inflation!

Another phase of the consumer's economic problem is the subject of taxation. Taxes are something which must be paid by someone, and the question of who pays them is a matter of legislation. If the "big boys" can pluck the goose that squawks the least it is to their advantage. The last resort for those who have lost a portion of their ill gotten gains is found in putting across a tax bill which makes the worker pay the taxes while the millionaire keeps more than a fair share of his income.

A LOT OF BUNK

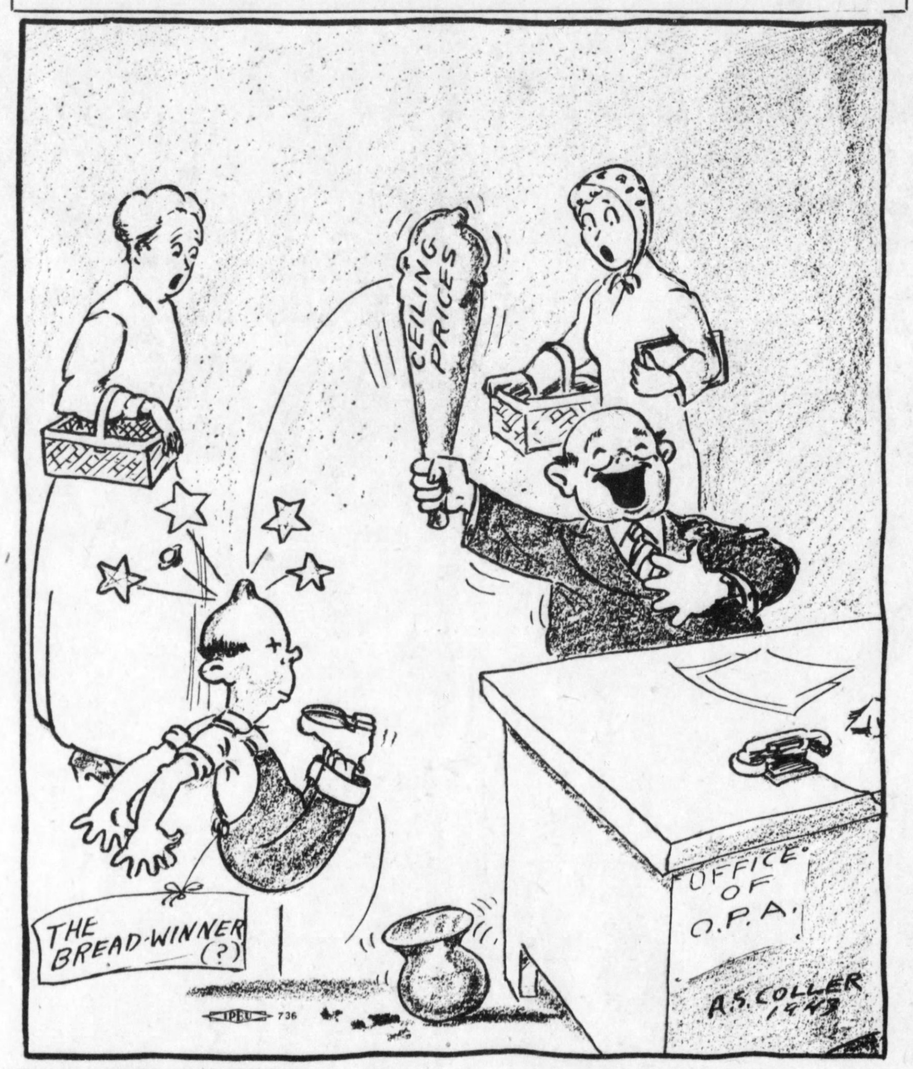
Today's hullaballoo about high wages in war industries is for the most part just a lot of bunk. The cost of living has so far exceeded the rise depicted by the figures they show you that there's no comparison between them and the true statistics. Food is the principal item on the workingman's budget, and the huge increase in the cost of living is largely due to the so-called "farm bloc's" activities in Washington, which resulted in potatoes selling for six dollars per bushel, whether or not they are even good potatoes.

You are buying just so much junk in many of the grocery stores, and paying a good price for it too. Your money isn't worth what it was a few months ago, much less two years ago, as far as purchasing power is concerned, but still you're bound by the 15% figure of the Little Steel Formula.

And here's the worst part of the whole picture. The Little Steel Formula represented a 15% rise in the cost of living, up to last May, and here it is one year later and we're still using the 15% figure!

Yes, sir, folks, you're making too much money. If you don't believe it read the newspaper editorials!

How To Prevent Inflation — By Coller



Servicemen's Letters

Receives Union Token

Brothers:

I was very pleasantly surprised the other day when, for the first time since I joined the service, I received a little token from my Union. It was the "Serviceman's Manual." I really have a use for it. The spaces in the back must necessarily be referred to sometimes when an address slips my mind. It's a right handy little gift.

The Navy so far has treated me OK. Its training could be used by every man in the blooming country. It teaches a man that there is a level where all men engaged in the same undertaking, have the same important status, and on a battleship, no matter what a man's position is, he stands just as good a chance of coming out of a battle as the best or least paid man on board.

We may not have a Union here, but it's a pretty good bet that a man gets just about what he's worth.

Don't forget my address, and keep 'em organized.

Sincerely yours,
Carl Marion Henry,
Spicer Unit.

Just In Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Your much-needed package reached me and is deeply appreciated. I didn't get paid last month because at the time the pay roll was signed I was in Toledo due to an emergency furlough.

While I was home, I visited the Union Hall and Willys-Overland and am glad to see that everybody is behind the armed forces 100 per cent. I am proud to be a member of such a fine Union.

I moved again here in camp and am giving you my new address. Here's, real encouraging news: I am one of the lucky boys who is being shipped for some place unknown to us. I am anxious to use some the equipment made by my brothers and sisters in my old place of employment and know we can depend on all the stuff thats' made in Toledo. I've been told our Willys Jeeps are the best handling and that they hold up better than any other make of Jeep. So keep up the good work, because without a home front we haven't any front at all.

Fraternally yours,
Pvt. Al. Ludurkowski.

Misses Family

Hi, Chuck:

How is everything at the Overland? I received my first box from the boys Saturday and it was a swell and useful gift. I'm eating some of the cookies right now and want to thank each and every one of the fellows who were so kind and generous to the soldier boys.

I'm stationed right near Chesapeake Bay and we are in tents. Of course, we are just raw recruits yet, but our basic training is almost finished. I am in the Coast Artillery.

I would appreciate it if you would give the boys of depts. 605 and 610 my best regards and tell them to keep them coming so we can get home to our wives and babys, because I sure miss mine. I'll see you all when I get back to work.

Fraternally yours,
Paul M. Merrill.

Its News To Me — By O. J. Pecord

LOOKING AROUND

As the country prepares to enter the 18th month of the war, we look around at the national scene to see what we can see.

National unity which was very high immediately following the Japs attack on Pearl Harbor, has to a very considerable extent evaporated.

O. J. Pecord

Economic groups, each seeking to advance their own welfare during the war have managed to cause a great division in the country.

Legislative bodies have completely changed their complexion since we entered the war. Congress and state legislatures have become cluttered with a great volume of repressive and destructive anti-labor laws.

UNREST INCREASES

Unrest is on the increase. Workers who gave up the right to strike for the duration of the war are dissatisfied. They believe that unfair advantage is being taken over their forfeit of their right to strike and that both the government and the manufacturers are making labor the goat. Selfish interests pocket the proceeds and profits of the war and cry for even more sacrifices on the part of labor.

Equality of sacrifice has proven a myth. Congress has utterly ruined whatever equality there might have been by destroying the President's executive order limiting incomes to $25,000 annually, while the War Labor Board has firmly insisted upon labor's sacrifice in the sacred cause of prevention of inflation.

Equality of sacrifice becomes a hollow mockery and a gross irritant to the workers in the face of the lack of accomplishment by the Office of Price Administration in placing limitations upon the prices of commodities.

INJUSTICE INCREASES

In reviewing the past 17 months, there is only one possible conclusion that can be drawn, and that is, that injustice and inequalities are on the increase, that no abatement of the evil is in immediate prospect, and that our government is not facing the situation realistically.

Profits and business as usual marks the efforts of the industrialists, while the workers are held within the rigid confines of the "little steel formula."

Commodity prices are not controlled as the workers' dollar shrinks in value.

Industrial management observing the long delays in adjusting the claims of the workers under the War Labor Board has grasped the opportunity and uses the Board as an expedient to defeat the very purpose for which the agency was established.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

In the face of present conditions along the home front, people who really have the interest of their country at heart are greatly disturbed. They are becoming worried lest we lose the war despite the victory in North Africa and the continued success of the air arm in softening up Germany for the final blow.

True, we may win the war insofar as it applies to the defeat of Germany, Italy and Japan; but we may also lose the war, if in the transaction we ourselves fall before the virus of Fascism which seems to have infected the whole world and which in reality is the real enemy of our people.

Fascism in our own country still shall need to be defeated, once and for all. Make no mistake about it, Fascism is present in these United States in alarming proportions.

If we read the signs correctly, we shall have to clean our own house once this war has been concluded in Europe and Asia. Merely disarming Europe is not the answer to our problems here at home. We shall have a job to do to defeat and destroy our own fascists.

As things now stand, we are becoming more disunited with every passing day, a condition which should give us pause to stop and wonder just what can be done to reunite the country and rededicate it to the task which still lies before us.

Labor is the greatest force in this country, it is dynamic and progressive. Labor must provide the answer, and it must begin now to assume the leadership and position which its great strength warrants.

To accomplish the unity of purpose and action which we must have, not only to win the war; but to win the post-war peace, Labor must first unite itself, eliminate factionalism to a considerable extent and buckle down to its job of taking its rightful place in the political and economic life of this country.

It's A Great System!

By JOHN PAINE

Many unions carried on a campaign against congressional absenteeism for the house vote on the anti-poll tax measure May 24.

"After all," the congressmen were reminded, "you don't have to pay a tax to vote on the bill."

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LITTLE LUTHER

"The President has done it again," remarked Mr. Dilworth, looking over the top of his Daily Gazette.

"Done what again?" asked Little Luther.

"Struck at the heart of the people," Mr. Dilworth said resolutely. "He's against the Ruml plan."

"I didn't know," said Little Luther innocently, "that Ruml had a heart."

"Luther!" Mr. Dilworth said harshly. "Mr. Ruml is a fine upstanding citizen with a heart of gold."

"Gold from the U. S. Treasury? Huh, Pop?"

"Now, now, Luther, that's no way to talk. Mr. Ruml is simply trying to get us on a pay-as-you-go basis in the most painless fashion. He believes, as the Bible says, in forgiving the debtors."

"At Macy's, too, Pop?"

"Of course not, Luther. Don't be dull-witted. Mr. Ruml and his connection with Macy's department store has nothing to do with it. Private enterprise depends upon credit as the life blood of the American way of life," Mr. Dilworth said firmly.

"But doesn't the government have credit, too, Pop?"

"It's a very complicated subject, Luther. You wouldn't understand it. But the hub of the situation is that Mr. Ruml has advocated a plan which would forgive us a year's taxes and that's very admirable."

"How much would you get, Pop?"

"Oh, about $400,000, Luther. A nice little nest egg, that."

"Gee," said Luther quietly. "How much did you make last year, Daddy?"

"Well, about $100,000 after that man Roosevelt go through with his taxes."

"So Ruml will give you as much from the government as you could make in four years, huh?"

"Now, now, Luther. Don't make such odious comparisons."

"Odious? Odious? Let's see, that means stinks, doesn't it, Pop?"

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There is a move (by you-konw-who) to boom Eddie Rickenbacker for Vice President in 1944 on the Republican ticket with Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, who wants people to think of him as a liberal.

The slogan proposed is "Brick and Rick will be your pick."

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West coast longshoremen who proposed training new longshoremen as a war aid were accused by employer spokesmen of "defying the U. S. Government."

It must drive them crazy to think of the way Eisenhower is defying the government by capturing all the Nazis in North Africa.

Editor's Mail

Employer's Philosophy

On June 4 of last year, I attended the graduation exercises at Macomber High School. This is a fine school and has some excellent courses, but the ideas presented by two of the principal speakers at last year's commencement exercises were not, in my opinion, especially helpful to the new graduates.

Since these speakers were Charles Swartzbaugh, president of the Swartzbaugh Manufacturing Co., who was chairman, and John Haien, personnel and training director of the Chrysler Corporation, who gave the commencement address, it was to be expected that they represented the point of view of the employer class.

Now since most students at Macomber come from working class families and are, therefore, more concerned with how to improve living standards and get better conditions for the workers as a whole than with the somewhat debatable chances of rising out of the workers' ranks, I think it would be a fine thing if Macomber High would invite a speaker from organized labor to participate in future commencement exercises.

Clayton Rusch
Chairman,
Educational Committee
Willys-Overland Unit

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

WORKERS PROTEST

When the workers protested the price ceilings last Monday before the local OPA office, they put into action the sentiments which most of the people of the country have had in their minds for quite some time.

What the workers of Toledo translated into action Monday may well be taken as an indication of what the workers in other parts of the country may do once they come to realize that it is only by such organized protests that we can get action out of Washington.

Richard Gosser

We have been informed that Washington is very sensitive to protests such as that initiated here this week, and we are inclined to the belief that this is true, for we who have had experience in the labor movement over a period of years realize that mass action always gets a more respectful hearing than negotiations, arbitrations, conciliations, mediations, or similar types of word transactions.

We believe that Washington is sensitive to a lot of things. In fact, if Washington congressmen had not been so sensitive to the farm bloc when it forced Leon Henderson's removal from the Office of Price Administration, we would not be paying such high commodity prices and probably would not be forced to fight for the price roll back.

TO CONTINUE FIGHT

It is our purpose to continue to fight along the line indicated in our Monday protest, and to increase the volumn of our protest rather than to continue to wait week after week for the OPA to come through and make good on its promises.

We are demanding justice and we intend to get it, nothing more, nothing less. If wages can be frozen, prices must be frozen. If the War Manpower Commission can freeze men to their jobs, then on the other side, it should freeze the job to the man and not permit some of our manufacturers to lock out their men whenever the spirit moves them.

To give us less than what we ask in justice is to court mass dissatisfaction, distrust and unrest, which is not healthy, and which, if allowed to persist, will become an increasingly greater obstacle to the war effort.

Equal Work For Equal Pay

BY MELVIN SCHULTZ
President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

With an increasingly larger number of women entering industry due to the war and manpower shortage, the UAW-CIO insistance upon equal pay for equal work assumes greater importance.

Melvin Schultz

In normal times, employers pay women less than men and justify this on the grounds that the work which women do is of such nature that it does not warrant higher wage scales. But in wartime this justification ceases when women replace men on men's jobs, and frequently prove themselves equally productive.

BASE RATES

Many instances of discrimination have come to my attention, particularly in base rates for male and female workers doing the same type work. An outstanding case is that of women working on the same job as men and receiving the same piece-work rate, but getting 10 cents per hour less than the men when they are on down time.

Why a female of equal productivity getting the same piece-work rate on the same job should be given 10 cents less on down time than the male worker is one of those things which only the intricate mentality of an employer can justify; but such reasoning doesn't make sense and cannot be justified on any grounds save that of saving money for the employer concerned.

EQUAL PAY

There is nothing involved in the proposition of equal pay for equal work save elementary economics and simple justice. Obviously, if the employer is getting the same quality and quantity of workmanship from female workers which he receives from the male employes, he should be willing to pay the same rate for this work. Nothing is effected which will stand in the way of the employer making the same profits.

Because the profits of the employers are in no wise effected when women do work equal to that of the men, we shall continue to insist in all our contracts that women doing work equal to that of men be paid the same as the men and that this shall include down time as well as production.

We shall not allow employers to build up a psychology in the minds of women workers which will tend to make them less productive, particularly when a mentality of this type will tend to defeat the purpose for which women are now working in industry and in so doing slow up the war effort.

OUR TASK

Our Union which has done so much to break down the old prejudices and barriers was well prepared to meet the emergencies of war. We have welcomed women into our organization on an equal basis with the male workers and recognize them as possessing the same rights and privileges which male workers posses.

Why women should receive less money than men for the same type, quality and quantity of work is a myth, and we of the UAW-CIO are going to continue to insist that the only thing that is at stake is the job and not the sex of the workers.

Equal pay for equal work is the sane and logical way to handle the wage return of the workers, and we shall at all time insist that when women are performing men's work and doing a good job of it, as all evidence shows they are doing, they are going to get the same pay.

Czelusta Speeds Up Council

By Richard Smith

One of the fastest Council meetings yet held since your reporter has been attending these exciting gatherings unfolded rapidly under the gavel of Vice-Mayor Ollie Czelusta, pinch-hitting for Mayor Lloyd Roulet, who was on a junket to Chicago.

Councilman George Bryce, being the only one to have anything to talk about, contended that the gatehouse at Forest Cemetery has been permitted to fall into a state of disrepair.

He stated: "With the recent raise in city employes' wages, our city manager's salary of $10,000 per year, directors of the various departments receiving $5,000 or more and even the councilmen getting $3,600, it would seem our city should be able to keep up at least the external appearance of its own burial grounds.

Mr. Bryce also stated, "It must have taken the accumulated neglect of all welfare departments since the Civil War to permit the gatehouse and its surroundings to reach its present state. He asked that Welfare Director Merritt Green submit plans to beautify the entrance to the cemetery.

No Gallery—Thatcher Silent

With no one in the audience to listen, Councilman Addison Q. Thatcher remarked, when asked if he had any legislation to present, that he had nothing to say.

Deferment of discussion of the proposed repaving of Fearing Blvd., from Wayne to Buckingham, was asked by Councilman Michael V. DiSalle when he informed Council that the State Highway Department is considering the repaving without the aid of city funds. The resolution, submitted by Councilman Ollie Czelusta and Howard Etchen, provided that half the expense be paid by the State Highway Department and half by the gasoline tax refund.

Civic Center to Open June 1

City Manager George N. Schoonmaker announced that the Civic Center ,bounded by city administration buildings and the Federal Building, would be in full bloom as of June 1, including the beautiful lighted fountain in its center (barring any more leaks).

An ordinance to buy and install four telemeter water pressure transmitters for the Division of Water at a cost of $3,000 was adopted, as was a resolution to construct and repair sidewalks on Eleanor and Sylvania Avenues.

Two communications signed by Clifford E. Wysocki, secretary of the South Side Civic Council, were read by the clerk.

The first, relative to the dumping of refuse on the south side of the creek at Westwood Ave., was referred to the city manager for his report to a committee of the whole meeting.

The second, asking that traffic signals at Broadway and Logan Sts. be continued in operation until midnight as previously practiced instead of turning them off at 7 p. m. Action on this was held in abeyance until a representative of the Traffic Department could make a detailed report to a committee of the whole meeting.

It was announced that, due to the celebration of Decoration Day next Monday, Council would meet at 7:30 Tuesday evening, June 1.

Trend Toward Socialized Medicine

COLUMBUS, O. — (FP) — A campaign against congressional absenteeism when the anti-poll tax bill (HR 7) comes up for a vote in the house of representatives May 24 has been started by the Ohio CIO Council.

In identical telegrams to Ohio's 2 congressmen, Council Sec.-Treas. Ted F. Silvey asked that each be present on the floor of the house on the day the bill comes up for consideration and vote for the measure as reported out, rejecting all amendments "calculated to divide support for the bill."

"The campaign to eliminate the poll tax," Silvey said, "is as essential a part of the fight for democracy as the military maneuvers of the gallant members of our armed forces."

"Pilot No. 5"

Adapted from the METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER *Picture by* HALSEY RAINES

The sole remaining plane

In the far-off Pacific, an isolated Dutch-American force takes a last stand against vastly superior Jap troops. The only hope consists in a counter-assault by the single plane left the defenders, a badly battered but still flyable craft. Major Eichel, who has become the commanding officer of the group, orders that the plane be put in the best shape. then calls for a volunteer pilot.

Five daring crusaders

The five pilots who are with the marooned party each insist on being selected for the perilous, long-chance assignment of taking off against the Japs. They are Vito Alessandro (Gene Kelly), Everett Arnold (Van Johnson), Winston Davis Simmons) and George Collins (Franchot Tone) who seems to have the greatest degree of self-assurance of any.

Off for nowhere

George Collins tells Major Eichel that he has been fighting the war since long before it began, and the Dutch officer, deeply impressed by the demeanor of Pilot No. 5, orders him to take off on the hazardous mission. Sitting down with the man after Collins leaves, the Major finds out that Collins is the one married man of the group, and then tires to learn more of his life story.

Who told you to take him apart?

A sketchy story is provided of how Collins' law practice apparently crashed about him and he drifted about till he joined the service. Vito Alessandro, angered at the piecemeal biography, leaps up to demand why the Major is trying to present only part of the case. When he has been quieted he offers to fill in the gaps and show why Collins became what he now is.

Two Guys Named Joe —Revere to Ride Again

HOLLYWOOD (FP)—MGM is making a picture called "A Guy Named Joe." Imagine the annoyance of the MGM press boys to see Warner Bros. advertising "Mission to Moscow" as "the story of two guys named Joe!"

The two guys are, of course, ex-Ambassador Joseph E. Davies and Commissar Joseph V. Stalin. That ad line is the most democratic touch about "Mission to Moscow," which shows a self-conscious capitalist poking cautiously about Europe in the rumbling years 1936-38 and deciding Russia is a safe country to do business with.

The picture is 97% the ambassador Joe, 1% the commissar Joe, and somewhat less than a glimpse and a guess at the Russian people. Davies is so sharp in calling the shots in Europe, you wonder why his book didn't come out three years ago as a guidebook instead of now as a reminiscence.

How to Cope With Tea and Sabotage

I think the picture was worth doing for the sake of the audience it aims at—old ladies of both sexes who want something easier to grasp than the truth. It will relieve them to think of a Russia where commissars' wives serve tea in gracious drawing rooms—though some of their girls are madcap enough to take up parachute jumping, my dear—and to see the Moscow trials as a way of settling the sabotage problem.

Those who have any understanding of Russia, or have caught from Russia's films some feeling of the spirit and common purposes of its peoples, will find "Mission to Moscow" uninspired, even annoying. Care is taken to avoid any reference to communism, and nowhere is anyone called Comrade.

A man who can afford lamb chops was telling his pot roast neighbor about it in Frank's Lunch the other night. " 'Mission to Moscow' is all right, but it has no story," he said.

He meant plot, but he was right anyway. It has no story about Russia and what Russians work for and die for. I'm afraid a guy named Joseph Davies, who went everywhere and saw everything, missed a lot.

Revere to Ride Again—for Republic

SPECIFICATIONS. Republic plans some westerns starring John Paul Revere. Know him. They don't either. They're looking for him—must be over 6 feet, shoot like Sgt. York, dark, handsome, and 4F.

MYSTERY. That certain circle in Hollywood is puzzled because Rickenbacker's book, "Seven Came Back," is not selling well for all its terrific buildup.

MORTGAGE. 20th Century-Fox is advancing $1,997,700 to Eureka Pictures Inc. (Nev.) and taking a chattel mortgage on scripts, film, and everything to be used in producing a picture about Eddie Rickenbacker. Picture to be ready by Jan. 15, 1944. Winfield Sheehan, executive producer, and Christie Walsh, associate producer. The picture is to cost 1½ millions; the additional $497,700 is for "indirect costs," whatever they might be.

Send Your Rickenbacker Kicks to Schenck

Throttle. Joseph Schenck is back in the engineer's seat of 20th Century-Fox. The first time Schenck came into 20th-Fox, Sheehan simultaneously went out. This time . . . well, looks as if the Sheehan-Rickenbacker committment was set. But unions whose protests have been ignored might address the man whose hand is back on the throttle.

SEVERANCE. William Goetz, relinquishing the production job Schenck is taking over, will draw six months' severance pay at $3,500 a week. Should Spyros Skouras, 20th Fox president, ever get fired, his contract calls for two years severance, or a cool $500,000.

LAST WORD. Final argument against releasing Lt. Col. Capra's Prelude to War is "Why make the public pay twice?" Meaning once out of federal funds for making the picture and once at the boxoffice to see it. If the man who asked that thinks twice, he'll see it argues against every government picture made from Donald Duck's bond plea on.

Auxiliaries Demand Grade Labeling

WASHINGTON (FP) — A demand for immediate enforcement of the OPA order requiring grade labeling on the 1943 pack of canned fruit and vegetables was made May 13 by the Congress of Women's Auxiliaries of the CIO in a letter to Price Administrator Prentiss Brown.

The thousands of brands of canned fruits and vegetables makes impractical the present fixing of dollars and cents ceilings on certain items according to brands, the letter said.

"We feel that the new price ceiling program makes obvious the essential need for grade labeling of canned goods," said the letter.

CLEVELAND (FP)—The Hobbs so-called anti-racketeering bill "shows a clear intent to terrorize and destroy organized labor rather than to prevent racketeering," President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen (unaffiliated) asserted in a letter to Senator Frederick Van Nuys (D., Ind.), chairman of the senate judiciary committee.

About Campaign Ribbons

The Coast Artillery Journal is authority for the following description of campaign ribbons now being issued to the men in the service on overseas duty. Many of these ribbons are finding their way back in the mails to the homefolks and also on the breasts of the furloughed and wounded soldiers, sailors, marines and coast guardsmen.

For land and naval personnel outside the continental United States a blue service ribbon with red, white and blue stripes in the center and a black and white stripe at one end representing Germany and red and white at the other representing Japan.

Ribbon Colors

In the European-African-Middle Eastern theater the service ribbon is green with red, white and blue stripes in the center, flanked at one end by red, white and green stripes representing Italy and on the other by the white and black of Germany. Borders at each end of the ribbon are brown to represent the desert sands.

The Asiatic-Pacific service ribbon is orange with narrow red, white and blue stripes in center and red and white stripes representing Japan at each end.

No Medals Awarded

No medals are being awarded with the ribbons, due to the scarcity of metals. Awards will be made after the war is over. Campaign awards were not made until six months after the Armistice in World War I and the present system is a departure inaugurated by executive order this year. A bronze star is awarded for each citation and a silver star is given when five citations have been awarded.

Coal Strikes Continue; Some Called Off

PITTSBURGH — (FP) — More than 2,000 striking soft coal miners returned to work May 20 in response to appeals from officials of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) to end their unauthorized strike.

At least 11 coal miners were still idle, however, as an estimated 6,000 miners continued to protest Natl. War Labor Board jurisdiction over the union's wage demands. Most of the struck mines are located in District 2 near here.

Thomas Gives UAW Position On Strikes

DETROIT, Mich., May 25—Special—R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO in a radio address over radio station WXYZ May 23 stated the position of the International Union regarding strikes.

Mr. Thomas said he has no desire to avoid the question, and that the public has the right to hear frank talk from responsible labor leaders on this point.

"No matter how many local unions and individual workers may seek to correct their grievances through strikes, the CIO and the United Automobile Workers, are still unequivically opposed to strikes during the war. More than that, I and every other officer of the CIO, without exception, are doing everything possible first, to avoid strikes, and secondly, when they occur, to have them terminated as soon as possible." With this statement, president Thomas launched into a plea to all Chrysler workers to return to their jobs at once.

Discusses Labor Opposition

Thomas told his listeners that abuse of labor by newspapers and hysterical efforts to enact anti-strike legislation would not help the situation. He called upon eradication of the basic causes as a means of avoiding strikes

In addition to criticizing newspapers for their abuse, Thomas blamed the manufacturers for much of the labor trouble saying that "the primary cause of strikes is the deliberate, continuous and concerted efforts of anti-union manufacturers to take advantage of labor's no-strike pledge."

Despite the provocations, Thomas said labor has been hesitant to strike; but has patiently agreed to refer its grievances to the War Labor Board. He criticized the WLB for its lack of speed, saying that speed was necessary in settling the workers' grievances. He said that when the WLB was set up it had full authority to render decisions on labor disputes, but that its power today is only a shadow of what it formerly was.

Enlarging upon his discussion of the contributing causes of unrest, Thomas said that the price structure had considerable to do with the workers' dissatisfaction. He called for a price roll back to the May 15, 1942, level, grade labeling and the stabilization of wages and prices as aids to helping the workers along and preventing widespread unrest and dissatisfaction with their conditions.

In concluding his address, Thomas repeated that the officers of the UAW were opposed to strikes and that they would keep their pledge. He said he has asked the Chrysler workers to return and that he felt they would do so as a gesture of patriotism and wait or settlement of their case before the WLB.

Indianapolis CIO Supports Miners, Hits Lewis

INDIANAPOLIS—(FP)—While expressing "full sympathy" for the United Mine Workers' (unaffiliated) need for higher wages, the Indianapolis Industrial Union Council condemned tactics of UMW Pres. John L. Lewis in "ignoring machinery for settling the grievance and placing organized labor on the spot by abrogating the no-strike pledge."

Other resolutions called upon Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes to restore to the Natl. War Labor Board its power to "act upon a case on its merits" in considering inequities and substandard pay conditions, and thanked nine of Indiana's 11 congressmen for signing the house anti-poll tax discharge petition.

War On All Fronts

I had been a news correspondent in Caracas, Venezuela, for two months when I determined to see the Gran Sabana, scene of a gold and diamond rush as colorful and as tough as California in '49 and as tough as the Klondike.

Germany and Japan need diamonds desperately. They are a vital war necessity for a hundred important war purposes, including drawing wire, cutting, drilling and for parts in precision instruments that must not wear down.

Until two years ago the Axis got diamonds from Brazil and Venezuela through LATI, the Italian air line. When LATI was suspended, U-boats took up the job. You can hide a million dollars worth of diamonds in your wooden leg.

I engaged passage for the Gran Sabana (the great plain) on the plane for Santa Elena, its only settlement.

"You are lucky you can fly there," the agent told me. "You will reach it before dusk. If you went by land it would take six weeks."

The Gran Sabana is separated from the rest of Venezuela by one of the most desperate jungles in the world and by a vast series of sheer cliffs, rushing streams and waterfalls. Until five years ago it was known principally through Conan Doyle's "Lost World." Recently, because of the wild treasure hunt, the Venezuelan government extended daily air-freight service to the newly created village of Santa Elena, near the ranch of Dr. Lucas Pena, the territory's sole white settler.

Fly Over Jungle.

We flew over the jungle and the huge sheer cliffs, circled the settlement, and landed. I had expected no style or comfort, and I wasn't disappointed. Santa Elena is 70 palm-thatched huts made of mud, in which 500 persons exist.

I had a letter of introduction to a diamond dealer, but he was away, and so I went to stay with Dr. Pena. It fits the wacky history of this region that the first man to discover this immense alluvial wealth will have no part of it. Even today, Dr. Pena ignores the gold under his dining-room floor and a rich diamond deposit on his ranch.

Early next morning, accompanied by three tough hombers, I started along the twisty, tree-covered, muddy route to the mines. When I reached the diggings, I found that the diamond mines are a collection of holes out of which men drag pay dirt to sluices in the streams. The living accommodations are rudely thatched, wall-less shelters, with hammocks hung so close the men are warmed by the heat of one another's bodies.

Only Place in World of Its Kind

The Gran Sabana fields are the only place in the world where diamonds are found in pure jungle. Before a miner begins digging he must fell the huge trees and hack away the brush with his machete. The miners work in pairs, threes—or fours, digging down 6 to 25 feet until they reach the diamond-bearing gravels and then sluicing it with primitive troughs and pans.

If a miner puts in a full day's work he can usually average three or four small stones a week. A one-carat stone might be worth $30, depending on its quality. A two-carat stone is worth about $100. An eight-carat stone is worth about $1,000.

I stayed at the mines three days, paying prices that make a New York night club look like a bargain basement. Cigarettes were $2 a package, eggs $8 a dozen, chickens $11 each, apples $1 each. The difficulty of transportation causes the high prices. Everything comes from from Tumaremo to Santa Elena by air at 30 cent a pound. After passing through several money-making hands it must be carried burro-back or human-back, to the mines.

When I first heard about these prices, I wondered how the miners ate. They don't. They starve until they strike it rich, then head for Ciudad Bolivar or Caracas, blow the works and borrow passage back.

Except Dr. Pena, every one of the men and women who endure the hardships of the Gran Sabana is crazed with the lust of riches.

Thirty years ago, at 18, Dr. Pena came to Ciudad Bolivar, seeking latex. In the jungle he drifted away from civilization; adventure and life for life's sake became more important to him than money. He worked his way somehow to the Gran Sabana. A tribe of friendly Indians welcomed him and helped him build his home on the hill.

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Willys Seeing Eye

By Claude Hess

POLL TAX

Brothers and Sisters! Did you ever stop and think what a wonderful country you live in, especially this part of the United States that lies north of the Mason and Dixon Line? If you lived in [illegible] was a resident of those states that border on the Gulf of Mexico you would have to pay a poll tax to be able to vote. Just think of having to pay to vote for a bunch of labor haters, such as Connally, Smith, Cox and Dies. The only way such people get elected time after time is to retain poll tax. No sane person who has to work for a living would vote for their kind.

Here is a comparison: Rhode Island, one of the smallest states in the Union, with a population between 650,000 and 700,000, had a vote of some 346,000 and elected two representatives to Congress, whereas in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, with a population of over 9,000,000, had 276,000 eligible voters, elected 32 representatives. We are only trying to show you why you should register at once at 217 Superior St., and be eligible to vote this fall. We are sure you will understand and will vote for those who represent Labor.

PUBLICITY HOUNDS

It seems strange to me to what lengths some people will go to get their names in the public press.

Dept. 666, first and second shift, is becoming more like our old home every week as our old sisters from 223, 267 and 222 transfer in there, where everyone is happy and satisfied.

Dept. 645 has four or five sisters in it now. We think one of the best known sisters is Hazel Reed, former stewardess of Dept. 267, on the Jeep hardware line.

ATTABOY, BOB!

We have a new public speaker who is making quite an impression wherever he speaks. We refer to Bob Cousino, who is available to any department for noon speeches, and who tells why everyone should contribute to the servicemen's fund. If you need him to give you a pep talk, call him on phone No. 688.

DEPT. 308

Dept. 223 may be the come and department, but 308 sure is the time and stay (for the ones who looking for someone to do work.

Did anyone ever see a dream working? Please be quiet—don't wake up Marcella!

You fellows in 308 better be good. George Williams got his ears waxed and it can be done again.

Who keeps Keller out till 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

Vida Wegner, whose husband is somewhere across the seas, is the only one of our gang that admits being home all evening Saturday. We gotta do something about that.

You would think that 308 in 90 Bldg. was a stable if you would have seen the "mules" and jack—going that way.

The Pressed Steel Teller

By Paul Sterling

AMAZONS

Some Amazon took Mike Kwiatkowski for a ride in her car and made him walk home. Mike says he knew the right answer but just couldn't think of it in time.

Nellie (Daredevil) Davis is in the hospital recovering from a fractured (broken to you) leg. The injury was sustained when she jumped from a car before it came to a complete stop. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Nellie.

After hitting two cars, Margaret is now spending four days in the flat of her back porch and three on the front porch to accept the bills as they come rolling in.

THE GUYS

For information on all moron topics, see John Wyas, who is an authority on the subject, including the one about the moron who took his girl—oh, you heard that one, did yuh?

Mike Rybka has a lot of soft coal which he informs us he will use to make a bed tick. Haw!

Now that fishing is in season, Carl Miles goes around the shop singing, "You take a line and I'll take a 'Pole." Confidentially, we hope Carl is a better fisherman than singer. Confidentially, as a singer, he stinks.

Our new contract will be discussed at the next Unit meeting June 19. Kum toit, will yuh? The Unit needs you, but don't forget you need the Unit, too.

Commentator Comments

The price of potatoes is going up. That certain slotter on the third trick is going to raise 50 bu. potatoes this year and with poultry prices going up, what certain small farmer, is raising two ducks, around Reynolds Corner.

What had been planned to be an enjoyable week end in Detroit for eight Toledo Standard Commutator girls, turned out to be a rather wet state of affairs. Virgie, Florence G. Irene, Eva, Helen L. Helen M. Alice, and Jeannie Delaney. The Test Bench girls had planned this excursion far in advance but the weather conspired against them and it rained and rained. What is it about the best laid plans of mice and men? Still a good time was had by all, read, "Letter From Overseas." Certainly very heart stirring. Gives you an idea of what really goes on in the minds of our boys who are overseas.

This column announces the arrival of a "blessed event," to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ulinski and is Eddie a proud Daddy.

Why haven't some of the boys made the grade with Mae West? Want I should give you lessons.

Ever since Red left the press department there aren't any girls there during lunch time.

Shorty Schick and Scotty Rogers are busily engaged on Local 12's OPA Price Protest Committee.

What has happened to Johnny De Bore and Emmett Hunt (former Spicer Unit chairman)? Let's see you fellows at the next regular unit meetings.

Harry Leininger was elected assistant chief steward; he will fullfill his duties on the 3 to 11 p. m. shift.

A NEW BLOSSOM

A new blossom of personality plus what it takes (don't rush the rationing board, fellows; line forms on the right) has hit the Rationing Board room in the form of Donna Fogel, who hails from North Baltimore, Ohio. Rumors have it she was so enthusiastic in her work last Friday that she missed the plane (ahem) for North Baltimore.

Steel Products Tattler

BOTTLENECK

We welcome another bottleneck our grievance procedure, namely, to-wit, one U. S. Young.

It looks to us like this same Mr. Young is a buck passer who has shown us that before we knew him, buck-passing was only in its infancy.

Mr. Young can take the simplest matter that could be settled in a coupla minutes and drag it out interminably, even to a week and a half. So . . . we take up a matter with W. Passino and bang! the thing was settled.

We were told that all grievances could go to Mr. Young as Mr. Passino has enough to take care of. We realize Mr. Passino's position but it looks like our fran Young is just another Chuck McCarthy without the monocle. He settles nothing, and agrees to nothing.

Fran Young doesn't seem to care about grievances. His main concern is to see if its worded properly (there's nothing like being eddicated) so, we peepul who don't know nothin' get the thing dissected before our eyes and its entrails strewn all over the place, and then he practically throws it back in our faces. Some fun, eh, kiddies? Some fun! And some grievance adjuster.

WASHINGTON (FP)—The Office of Price Administration officially withdrew its compulsory grade labeling regulation covering the 1943 pack of canned vegetables, fruits and juices.

The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

ELECTION

Nominations for plant executive committee were held May 23 at Local 12 headquarters. Approximately 27 were nominated for the election, which will fill seven positions. Chairman, secretary, welfare trustee, three sergeant-at-arms, Acklin editor. Election will be held June 13, from 12 noon to 5 p. m.

THEY ALSO HELP

Another bunch of our girls who lend a helping hand to the gal from Buddies are Mary Curtiss, Anna Szalkowski, Sally Kaminski and Stella Vinchewich.

So sorry, Blanche Blazey is ill at home. Mary Munt is also on the sick list, but is expected back soon. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, girls.

BATTLERS

Two of our young ladies are in training to be battlers, in fact, they are battlers, but they are going to take up the scientific art of fisticuffs and go into the sport in earnest.

SOFTBALL

Acklin softball players will be able to get in some much-needed practice now that the weather shows signs of acting like Ohio instead of California.

DANCER

Tiny is quite a dancer. His favorite tune is "The Dance She Saved for Me," and can he step the light fantastic. He's from Plant 2.

COMING BACK

Some of the older fellows who have been working at Plant 2 have returned to Plant 1. Glad to see you back, fellows.

Porcelain Pot Shots

By Dick Smith

BONDS

The spontaneous response to the recent bond drive in our shop was indeed heartening. Except for a few who had their reasons, and who am I to decide what are good reasons and what are not, the boys and girls came through with flying colors. It seems to me that some of the reasons given for not wishing to enlist their aid in this greatest of all campaigns were pretty puny, though.

SAVINGS

I am proud to announce that my savings, at least 10 per cent, are going into the kitty. Not to put any feather in the cap of Mr. Earle S. Smith, who, by the way, is chairman of the county in this drive, but for the future of my family and myself. When this war is won there is bound to be a period when a few hundred bucks saved now will make itself realized tenfold then.

Then there is the reason that should come first in the heart of every good American. The fact that you are able to invest your money in the effort to win this war and get it over with as quickly as possible, should make everyone count each penny and spend in excess of what is left on those certificates of liberty.

FAD

Englehardt must have started a fad when he got his locks clipped recently. The barber must have thought he had Reichsmarshall Goering in the chair when he ran his lawnmower over the now pointed crown of our latest recruit to the furnace department, Georgie. Quit worrying, Bennie, he's still got those ears.

Champion Sparklets

By SPARKY

Gene Drozd of Dept K is now a real, honest-to-goodness Marine. Gene says the Marine slogan got him: We have landed and have the situation well in hand."

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Carl Noe, brother worker of Dept. K, and formerly head man at No. 1 tee at the Ottawa Park is glad he isn't there anymore 'cause the poor fellow can't swim.

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Hey! George Bowers! Yoo Hoo! Since that new baby arrived have you done much floor walking nights? If you need a new pair of shoes see the Union Transportation Committee. They'll fix you up with a 17 stamp.

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Pleeese, pleeese, Orville Boyer, will you do your garlic eating over the week end after this. Have a heart, man!!

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DO YOUR DUTY

Are you prepared to do your duty? As an American citizen it is your duty to vote at all elections. It is an obligation you should take an interest in and not regard it as a task.

Last election 50,000 persons of voting age lost their voting privilege by not going to the polls and casting an intelligent ballot. In order to place themselves on the voting list they must go to Election Headquarters and register so their names will be placed on the book in the ward and precinct in which they reside.

Election headquarters are open daily 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., Saturday 8:30 a. m. to 1200 noon. After June 1 Monday hours will be 12:00 noon to 9:00 p. m.

If we expect to keep our democratic form of government we must have labor representatives on the ballot. Thus we must do all we can to make the next election a success from the standjoint of labor representation in our State Legislature.

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Pvt. George Baker paid a visit to the Champion last Saturday. He was here on a three-day visit. Boy! What the Army doesn't do to all these men isn't worth mentioning.

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Are advancement in Dept. F based on relationship and friendship? Ability doesn't seem to mean much these days for old timers, for these are times of war; but in spite of the wrongdoers, let's get the work out right. There always comes a day.

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If it's dancing you want, we'll have one June 19, 1943. All shifts are urged to attend. Tommy Greene's orchestra will play from 9:00 p. m. to 6:00 a. m. Tickets will be on sale shortly by stewards, committeemen and all other ticket salesmen.

WAVES Leave For Training

Eight new members of the WAVES and SPARS will leave Sunday for training at Hunter College, New York City, according to an announcement by Lieut. Harold Milliken, officer in charge of the Navy Recruiting Station. Following is the list of names: Loretta Hoffman, 201 Colony Road, Rossford; Elaine Winslow, 360 W. Oakland St.; Beatrice Breitschmid, 904 Vinton St.; Carol J. Swiss, 2343 Parkwood Ave.; Janette Armstrong, 847 Kingston St.; Louise Smith, 3415 Pineway Dr.; Betty Gongwer, 206 South Ave., and Betty Stamm, 829 Stebbins St.

To Report in New York

They will report in New York City on Monday morning at the WAVES-SPARS Training Center. After several weeks of learning the routine and customs of Navy life, these young women will either go directly to assignments in Navy bureaus or will continue in one of the colleges now being used for that purpose for further specialized training.

Lorain Has New Labor Paper

LORAIN, O., (FP)—The Lorain Industrial Union Council has begun publication of The Lorain Labor Leader, issued every two weeks. Charles Skolnik, George Edwards and Julius Uehlein are editors, Carl Longwell is circulation manager, Paul Schremp is secretary-treasurer and Pete Flontek is business manager. The paper is a member of Federated Press.

CIO—Canco (I) Opener

By Ted Madrowski

When you enter the party room you can't help but notice the orchestra all decked out in cigars, cigarettes and chewing gum.

There goes Johnny Demski . . . can he twitch a wicked polka. It seems Cas Pisarski still likes to shuffle . . . yep, nothing like a good ole poker game . . . The center of attraction at the present time is Al and company doing some modified jittering . . . Rex, with his chewing tobacco burning . . . Herb Dickenson, the lad with the wandering hands, being told . . . hands are made for hands etc. . . . Larry Kannlin claims preference for—of all things—Four Roses. It really hits the spot. . . . Pauline Richie and Steve Roizha still talking shop? Quiet, please! This is a party, or is that double talk you two are indulging in? . . . Too bad, there shoulda been more peepul present. Anyhow, the ones who were there really had a good time, if you know what I mean. . . . And let's not forget those long-suffering peepul . . . the guys behind the bar . . . the boys . . . the palsie walsies . . . call them bartenders if you wanna, but they are the boys who did a good job, and I mean . . . a good job. . . . Earl Jones and Ray Luetke—a coupla swell barkeeps . . . but where in L was Elmer . . . excuse it all, folks . . . it's just a party h-a-n-g-o-v-e-r.

WASHINGTON (FP)—The House voted down the Ruml tax plan 202 to 194, marking the bill's third defeat.

National Supply News

By Shorty Stager

ACTIVE WORKER

John DeWitt, vice-chairman of the National Supply Unit has always been a very active worker in our organization. Ever since he came to work in our shop, Johnny has been on his toes taking care of Union business.

You would make Johnny very happy if some of you fellows who are not now serving on any committee would voluntarily make an offer to do so because everyone can help make our union stronger like Johnny has done by working for it and doing their conscientious best to advance it. Hats off to Johnny DeWitt, a regular union member and a loyal one.

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AROUND THE SHOP

Found: One pair of boxing shoes, owner contact Henry Miller, Dept. 39, who found them in his car.

No wonder Ralph Wagenhauser is complaining about his strained back. If the fish were as big as the stories he is telling about them, it must have been a terrific task to get them all landed.

Perhaps the reason Gray Liggett's eye is healing so slowly is because he works so near to the hospital?

Taking advantage of the weather conditions, one of the energetic leaders in the layout dept. (days) has been raising bull frogs in his basement. This helps a lot and so meat ration coupons are saved, to say nothing of the money there is in frogs.

Congratulations to you Mrs. Eakes since you made a papa out of Mr. Eakes. The pap's buttons are strained on his outstanding chest simply because he has fulfilled his biological mission in life.

One for the books—The guy who works in Navy inspection that gets himself slightly inebriated, comes home and wakes up his wife to warm him a glass of milk.

Eddie Core is a victim of a-m-n-e--i-a-. He drove his car to work and then walked home without it. Was he guilty looking when he came back and drove the wagon home.

Look, fellows: Get your shapes down to the Board of Elections at 217 Superior St. if you haven't registered to vote, or if you failed to vote in last fall's election. This is mighty important so let's get going, eh?

Spicer Unit News

Rathbun Reporter

By Drexel O'Neil

Boys, plan to take your vacation. During the negotiations the company expressed the wish that everyone would take the week off. It is their opinion that if we completely forgot the shop for a week, we would return refreshed in mind and body. You will get more good out of a care-free week, than out of the extra pay check.

Why doesn't the Committee begin negotiations for a general raise...of the Lay-out Tables? Carl Osterman is at least 75 inches tall, while the tables are only about 30 inches. I know that I am out of order on this item because the company would gladly oblige if the request were made. Dear Maude: He's tall and thin, does little talking, but he leans a mile before his feet start walking Keep up the good work, Highpockets.

Fred Jahr is another man-mountain, but he shrinks when he has to melt babbit borings. The smoke and the fumes bring half of the shop boys on his neck. Take it easy fellows, the company has promised a ventilating device for the babbiting department and also for the hot spot in the Foundry...over the core baking ovens.

Ponder this one! Should department leaders take an active part in union activities? For obvious reasons, other shops disallow it even though their Superintendents seldom circulate among the men. In our small shop the Super is a combination Expediter, Listening post, Weeping post, and Trouble shooter. Naturally he makes many direct contacts. Look fellows...here is a fence, the union on one side and the company on the other. Do I see anyone On the fence? Divided alliegance never won a battle but it is one of the first rungs of the ladder to success. May I repeat, in all fairness to the "leaders", should they be forced to take an active part in our union. Think it over!

By Winfield C. Vernier

BARGAINING COMMITTEE CHANGE REPORTED

Scotty Rogers resigned as chairman of the Bargaining Committee early this week. Ellsworth Kramer was elected in his place. Bill Ankenbrandt is vice-chairman.

MANY LEAVES IN DEPT. 22-A

Harold Davis, Foreman Curley Sprague, Cecil Ray and yours truly, Win Vernier, are absent from the shop because of surgical operations.

NEW COMMITTEE

Here is your new investigating committee: Harry Leininger, chairman; Ralph Mason, secretary; Ed Gearhart, Harry Fowler, Elmer Gregory and John Sobecki.

This should give me priority on something.

Joe Evonek, second trick steward in Dept. 21-D, reports that the company cannot make up its mind whether the members in that Dept. are machine operators or tool grinders; they know, Joe, but it's just the old game of stalling.

What keeps Shorty De Groff so close to the Rationing Board room lately? Could it be the blossom of ——? Well, bloom me down, bloom me down!

Laura Schmedhurst, Dept. 30-B, days, is looking for a new love to woo her nights. It's the truth, so help me!

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Fishing With Bill Watt

A PROBLEM

Recent heavy rains with the rapid rise and fall of creeks, streams and rivers in Northwestern Ohio, as well as many of the mid-western states, has dumped a new and possibly difficult problem at the doorsteps of the respective state Conservation departments. It gives them a first hand opportunity to study the behavior of the furred, feathered and finny tribes when driven from their lowland haunts, out of their streams and from their wooden lairs. First reports in show that wildlife in flooded areas does one of four things; escapes to high ground, climbs trees, finds safety on floating logs or debris, or drowns.

What damage will be uncovered when the waters recede is hard to estimate, according to game wardens and sportsmen who state that waters of the proportions of those of the past month have not been met with for many years. Scattered but indefinite reports so far indicate that first fears of large damage and loss of breeding nests were unfounded.

GO FISHING

An article in the June issue of "Field and Stream" by Glen L. Martin makes a timely suggestion, "Go fishing and hunting for relaxation." Especially at a time like the present with long hours, worry over friends and relatives in the Armed Services and the many other trials that we have to face in this hurly burly world of today it is fortunate that so many opportunities are offered for outdoor life in our Northwestern Ohio territory—the abode and hunting ground not more than a century ago of several tribes of the original Americans.

BEST BAIT

At this time of the year probably the bestA bait for fishing is the garden worm or night crawler. They are out in abundance and the rains have kept them up close to the top of the ground. From there they wander or rather wiggle and squirm their way into the nearby streams where they are pounced on as prey by the hungry feeding fish (no rationing points for him). This brings up the point that fish are not rationed but the steep prices asked for them on the market stalls make all anglers itch to get out on the banks, or in the river, or on the lake to hook a good sized string for the family larder.

THE CARP

Many were the wise cracks about the carp family moving in with our Victory Garden plants during the high water and the unfunny part about the whole thing turns out that these piscatorial hogs in many instances did that very thing —and helped themselves to some of the tenderest and most prized shoots.

And that's not the worst of it—in the fall Brer Rabbit will probably pay his respects in person to outlying gardens when his food supply in the farmers' fields begins to fall off.

Might not be a bad idea to begin thinking of some traps to catch the fuzzy little gentleman or the members of his family as well as other pests who go foraging in our pet V gardens. Visions of carrots, cabbages and other culinary vegetable delights may be rudely shattered if proper precautions are not taken ahead of time.

Weekly Sports Review

By Pinch Hitter

ATTA BOY

Look you fishermen, Bill Watt, a fisherman of note has taken over the conservation column and begins in this issue to tell his fish stories. Bill is employed at the Willys-Overland and volunteered to do the column. If you have any questions you wanna ask Bill about fishing or hunting send them into him care of the Toledo Union Journal.

BASEBALL

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At the time this was written, our Mud Hens were roosting in second place, which is quite an accomplishment, to say the least. Of course, the season's plenty young and anything might happen; but maybe if the boys are unable to go higher they will still be able to roost somewhere in the first division. If the team can manage to stay in the first four teams, this should prove a lucrative season for the owners.

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THE WEATHER

Write this one yourself.

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Ralph Mason, manager of the Local 12 team in the city federation had his boys out for their first practice session last Sunday. Ralph said not a single member of last year's team showed up for practice, presumably because most of them are in the army or too busy to indulge in the pastime this year.

Reporting on the practice session, Ralph told your reporter that the boys "did as well as could be expected" but that they will need a lot of practice before they will be able to compete with the rest of the Fed teams. He is asking for all ball players, even those who might not be so young to come out for the practice sessions. By the way, there will be a practice session Friday evening at Merrill Field, provided Ten Mile Creek minds its own business and stays in its banks where all good creeks are supposed to stay.

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SOFTBALL

Old Uncle Louie Mattox is feeling happy these days because his softball league is about all set and ready to go. The softball teams are already talking a good game and according to the managers every team in the league going to cop the pennant. But definitely, only one can the prize gentlemen, so let's see what your charges do once the season gets under way.

Play in the softball league will begin Tuesday, June 8. out and see your favorite teams play and show them appreciate their efforts.

Ball Teams Get Break

Teams Nearly Ready To Open Season

Lewis Mattox, director of the Local 12 softball league, has announced that the official opening of the league will be June 8. Nine teams already have been organized and the tenth team very likly will be organized within the next week.

With the weather showing signs of returning to normal, many of the teams have been able to get in much-needed practice. Spicer announces that its team is ready to go and that the extra time which intervenes between now and the opening game will give it ample time to get into even better shape for the summer campaign.

Teams Announce Managers

Following managers are announced for the teams entered in the league: Marr Fejes, Mather Spring; John Grant, Standard Commutator; Chet Kazminski, Acklin Stamping; Robbie Robbins, Spicer Co.; Christie Schmidt, Toledo Pipe Threading; Eddie Collins, National Supply; Andy Jones, Willys-Overland; Scotty Irving, Auto-Lite.

Members of the Willys team also have had considerable practice and announce they will be in there when the season begins, to give the rest of the boys a good workout.

Mattox is lamenting the fact that there are not sufficient girls' teams to organize a league and says that a league still can be organized if enough girls can be brought in to form a league. "Willys has a girls team organized," said Mattox. "I don't know why the rest of the plants are unable to do the same."

Sport Quiz

By "RED" BIALECKI

If you don't know most of these questions, then it's about time you started following the sport pages and finding out what's going on. Anyhow, see what you can do with these few simple sports questions.

1. Baseball's greatest fast ball pitcher and most famous hitter put on their uniforms for a charity exhibition last summer. Name the two.
2. Bob Feller was knocked out of the box in his only start against major league hitting in 1942. What was the occasion?
3. What horse won the Kentucky Derby in 1942?
4. Who lead the National and American Leagues in stolen bases last year?
5. What baseball player became the third man in the National League to make 3,000 hits (1942)?
6. What big league baseball manager is said to be part owner of the team he manages?
7. Where is baseball's Hall of Fame located?
8. What pitcher won the most games?
9. Did Christy Matthewson ever pitch a no-hit game?
10. What two pitchers were the first to win five games this year?

Answers in Column 8

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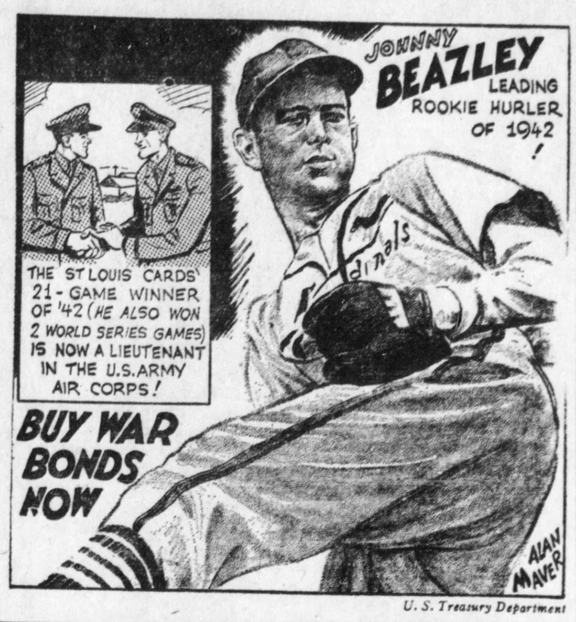
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NEW YORK (FP)—Formation of a nationwide American Labor party to protect social gains made under the New Deal was urged here by Mayor F. H. aGuardia at a dinner of the New York State ALP executive committee.

Kasa Blanca Room?

NAM Survey On Absenteeism Repudiates Rickenbacker's

NEW YORK (FP)—The Rickenbacker squadron of anti-labor lobbyists took one straight on the chin May 19 in a report on absenteeism, not from a union or from a labor research organization, but from the industrialists' inner circle itself, the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers.

In a 32-page report on the causes of absenteeism, based on a survey of 25 large manufacturing plants, illness and accidents headed a list of seven categories into which fall most of the reasons for non-attendance at work.

Next on the list, according to the survey, are lack of adequate housing and problems involved in transportation to and from work The socalled "hangover" evil is down at the bottom of the list in a category entitled "irresponsibility."

NAM Shows Sense

Curiously enough, the remedies suggested by the NAM's industrial relations committee, which conducted the survey, are not anti-labor laws, jail sentences, fines, or other Rickenbacker fantasies. Instead they are health and safety measures the unions have been fighting for over many years.

For example, the committee suggests: Medical examinations, preventives for lung infections, convenient lunch facilities with well-balanced foods, nutrition information for employes' families, proper ventilation, proper sanitation, plant medical supervision, plant nurses, adequate safety devices and instruction, and adjustment of work schedules to prevent cumulative fatigue.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1. Walter Johnson and Babe Ruth.
2. American League All-Stars and Service All-Stars.
3. Shutout.
4. George Case, Washington, and Pete Reiser, Brooklyn.
5. Paul Waner.
6. Casey Stengel, Boston Braves.
7. Cooperstown, N. Y.
8. Cy Young won 511 games in his 22 seasons and pitched in 874 games.
9. Christy Mathewson pitched two no-hit games. One in 1901 and another in 1905.
10. Buck Newsom and Dol Flores.

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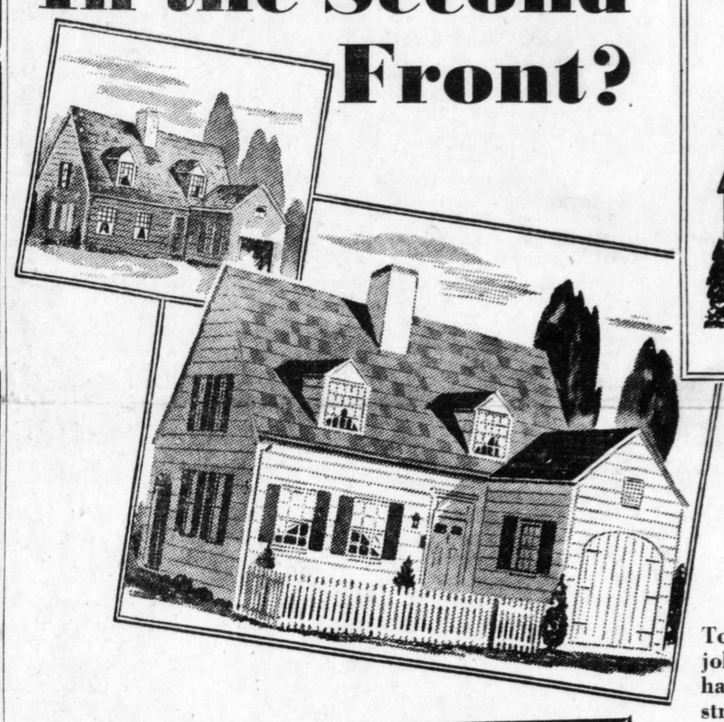

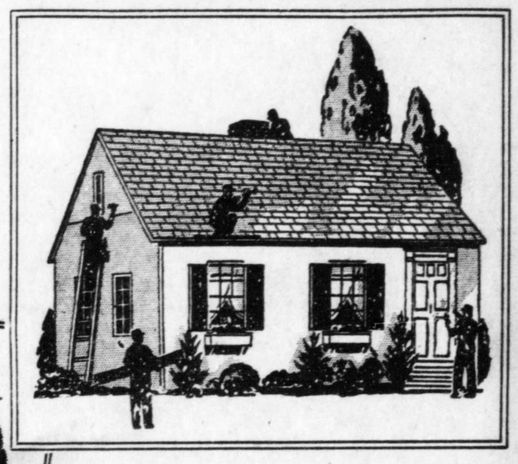

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

U. S. Invasion of Attu Is Second Step In Drive to Oust Japs From Aleutians; Discount Rumors of Nazi-Italian Rift As Allies Plan Heavy Knockout Blows

EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.

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Pictured are members of the delegation of the United States to the United Nations conference on food and agriculture at Hot Spring, Va. Left to right, seated: Murray D. Lincoln, executive secretary of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation; Miss Josephine Schain; Judge Marvin Jones, conference chairman. Standing: Paul H. Appleby, undersecretary of agriculture; W. L. Clayton, assistant secretary of commerce, and Thomas Parran, M. D., surgeon general, U. S. Public Health Service.

ATTU:
Second Step in Aleutians

Firmly established on Attu, westernmost of the Aleutian islands in Japanese hands, strong American forces pushed forward against bitter opposition by the enemy.

First to admit the American landings, the Japs also were first to confess that heavy U. S. aerial and naval bombardments provided an irresistible cover for a continuing stream of reinforcements.

Presaging their defeat on Attu, the Japs made much of the claim that their troops were fighting numerically superior forces.

In Washington, Col. R. Ernest Dupuy declared that the attack on Attu was the second step in the drive to oust the Japs from the Aleutians. The first, he said, was the American occupation of Amchitka and Adak to establish bases from which to strike not only Attu but also Kiska, 172 miles to the east.

FOOD CONFERENCE:
Post-War Agriculture

Reconstruction of agriculture in Europe after the war was the principal subject of discussion among the representatives attending the United Nations food conference in Hot Springs, Va.

According to Marvin H. Jones, chairman of the parley and head of the U. S. delegation, conferees are chiefly concerned with getting the farmlands of reclaimed countries back into production.

Problems connected with such an effort, such as adequate distribution of supplies and materials, and the planning for the production of crops which would furnish local populations with nutritional diets, were brought into study.

The conference, in the nature of a discussion, brings no binding agreements among the nations, Jones said. Representatives will present conclusions of the conference to their respective governments for further action.

ITALY:
No Setup

After a sudden welter of rumor, it appeared as though the Allies would have to take Italy the hard way. The Italians and Nazis gave no sign of handling it over on a silver platter.

King Victor Emmanuel answered wild rumors originated by the Free French that he was about to abdicate by appearing at an art exhibition in Rome to receive the applause of his subjects.

Talk that Hitler was preparing to abandon Italy to its fate and draw all Nazi forces into the Brenner pass were immediately counteracted by plentiful assurances in the German press that Der Fuehrer had no such idea.

Allied airmen apparently were the first to take these rumors with a grain of salt. Even as the abdication talk, etc., intrigued the arm chair strategists, bombers were plastering the seaplane base of Lido di Roma, 15 miles from the Italian capital. Hangars, moorings and planes were the targets.

Rome admitted damage in the vicinity, but claimed Axis planes had bombed Algerian harbors "with good results."

RECIPROCAL TRADE:
Renewal Fought

Renewal of President Roosevelt's authority to negotiate reciprocal trade treaties with foregin countries was the subject of heated debate in congress, with successful efforts to limit the life of the President's power to two years.

Claimed as a great contribution to stable international relations by its advocates, and opposed as a dangerous threat to our tariff system by its foe, the Reciprocal Trade act passed through the house only after fierce debate and a two-year limitation on its existence.

Inspired by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, administration forces contended that renewal of the act now was necessary to assure the world that we were prepared to participate in the revival of international commerce and stabilize employment and marketing in other countries.

Foes of the act said it had failed to avert war since its creation in 1934. They tried to limit its operations by offering amendments which would allow congress to review treaties; permit domestic producers to testify against provisions of any treaty, and prevent the importation of products when they sold for les sthan the American

WHEAT:
May Increase Acreage

With some officials claiming current consumption of wheat will run 500 million bushels over the 1943 crop of 690,000,000 bushels, the War Food administration has been debating about the possibility of increasing acreage allotment next year by 20 or 25 per cent.

If the WFA has hesitated in deciding on an increase, it has been for fear that production of other important staples like corn, flaxseed, soybeans and peas would drop. The problem centers around boosting wheat output without sacrificing other yields.

This year, 55 million acres of wheat were seeded, and intended increases would add 11 million acres. At a normal yield of 12 bushels to the acre, the WFA estimates the extra plantings would produce a crop of 792 million bushels.

HOSPITAL SHIP:
Sunk by Japs

With its red cross sign brightly lighted and the whole vessel fully illuminated, the Australian hospital ship Centaur was silently plying through placid waters to New Guinea.

Suddenly a terrific explosion shook the ship, and in a moment, it was wrapped in raging orange flames. As many of the vessel's complement of 363 fought to escape the burning hulk, the ship went down, only 64 surviving.

Cause of the sinking: a Japanese torpedo. Even as some of the survivors clung shakily to a raft, they could see the submarine's lights flickering over the dark sea.

Said Gen. Douglas MacArthur: "I cannot express the revulsion I feel at this unnecessary act of cruelty...The Red Cross will not falter under this foul blow.

Wants To Meet Writer

Dear "A Sorry To Be Union Member":

I have your letter of May 4, 1943, in which you state that we not have "the guts to print this in your paper."

It is not unusual to find people in this world of a low degree of intellect. However, the CIO is noted for its fairness and kind consideration to all humanity, irrespective of race, creed, color, religion or station in life. I would be derelict in my duty if I failed to extend to you an invitation to sit down in truly democratic and American fashion to discuss the topics of your letter across a conference table as was done by the fathers of our country when they met to write up the Constitution which is the cornerstone of our democracy.

I am extremely sorry that you did not have the intestinal fortitude to sign the name which your mother gave you to the letter sent to this office. Therefore, I must appeal to you in this manner to contact me at our headquarters so that the meeting which I suggested before can be held.

Hoping that you have the courage which you express in your letter so that I may have the opportunity of meeting you, allow me to remain

Your Brother CIO Member
and Fellow American Citizen,
MELVIN M. SCHULTZ,
President, Local 12,
UAW-CIO.

CIO Warns On Poll Tax Absenteeism

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—(FP)—The trend in medical care, particularly hospital service, is pronouncedly toward government participation. This was the practically unanimous belief of a panel of seven leaders in health work at a symposium held by the Institute on Public Health Economies, sponsored by the University of Michigan School of Public Health May 20.

This trend is strong, said Dr. Michael M. Davis, a leader in group health movements, in spite of the "misinformation and misleading articles in the Journal of the American Medical Assn., which has kept many doctors ignorant of the facts."

A speaker from the Social Security Board noted that about half of the hospital beds in the United States are now government operatd. He urged that social security insurance should cover all necessary medical service as part of a coordinated system that covers all social security risks.

Dr. Henry Sigerist of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, answering objections by a seller of priately operated group medical service plans, said:

"The United States has socialized the army and navy, the postoffice and the schools, so why not health?"

CLEVELAND (FP) — Complete support of President Roosevelt was reaffirmed in a six-point program designed "to meet the realistic needs of our nation in conducting an effective offensive" which was adopted by more than 200 CIO leaders at an enlarged meeting of the CIO national executive board here.

Picketeers Atracted Public Attention

Signs carried by the UAW demonstrators protesting OPA price ceilings, were the center of attraction in the crowded downtown district last Monday. Many changes were made in the initials OPA such as the one shown above in the picture, "Oust Price Altitude" and another, "Office of Price Assassination." Favorable comments, sympathetic to the demonstration, were heard from spectators who gathered to watch the proceedings.

CIO Says Smith Committee Is Forum For Landlords

WASHINGTON — (FP)— The Smith committee in its campaign against the rent control program of OPA is giving real estate lobbyists a field day for spreading falsifications and refusing time to labor and consumer groups, the CIO Cost of Liing Committee said May 22. Rent control, it said, is "an outstanding bastion in the fight against inflation."

"This committee, operating under a roving mandate to investigate all executive agencies, is deliberately allowing itself to be used as a forum from which lobbies and special interest groups can carry on smear attacks against the war programs enacted by congress and against the officials sworn to carry them out," it said.

Addes Makes Charges

Sec. Treas. George F. Addes of the United Auto Workers (CIO) the previous day said he had been denied a hearing, as had other labor spokesmen, and warned: "OPA is to be tarred and feathered by the committee's selected witnesses preparatory to congressional action starting next week on OPA's budget for the ensuing year.

"Rent control has been successful. It has protected American workers and their families from the rapacity of landlords. It has been the one effective step the government has taken to prevent price inflation.

"When the American people realize the purpose of these congressional attacks upon the OPA control program, they will take care of their representatives who assist, or silently permit, this sabotage of a vital war program landlords, realtors and their banker friends."

A legislative attack on rent control was begun May 21 when the banking and currency committee reported an independent office appropriations bill with a rider which exempts the Home Owners Loan Corp. from control of any other government agency — meaning OPA rent control. This will mean, if passed, that 30,000 units now rented to tenants will be subject to none of OPA's eviction restraints.

Chrysler Wildcat Strike Ends

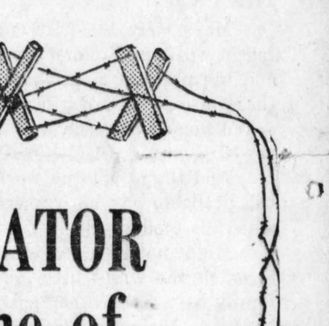
DETROIT (FP) — The 29,000 Chrysler Corp. workers who were on wildcat strikes or made idle by the stoppages for four days were back at work in the Detroit area plants May 24 by vote of United Auto Worker (CIO) membership meetings on the preceding Sunday after strenuous pleadings by president R. J. Thomas and vice president Richard T. Frankensteen of the union. Strikes in other plants also ended over the weekend.

While Director Leo Lamotte of the UAW Chrysler Dept. charged that the walkouts were manipulated by UAW vice president Walter P. Reuther and his lieutenants to "obtain political advantages within the union," the fundamental cause was undoubtedly the failure of the Natl. War Labor Board to settle the dispute which has been in its hands since December, 1942.

President Thomas absolved Reuther of blame for the stoppages and at the same time pointed out that the charge of radicalism against Lamotte, made by some Reuther followers, was absurd because Lamotte was opposed by the leftish delegates at the last election of board members. Lamotte was Thomas' own pick for the board and that is what gave his charge against Reuther more than ordinary weight.

The WLB panel recommendations in the Chrysler dispute are now in the hands of the board which is expected to act in a month or two, possibly speeded up by the 4-day walkout. Stern WLB orders to return to work were ignored by the workers.

Recommendations are understood to include maintenance of membership in modified form, voluntary checkoff, establishment of the umpire system now in force in General Motors and Ford to settle grievances within specified limits that cannot be settled by negotiation, going rate to be paid in 90 days instead of six months as now.



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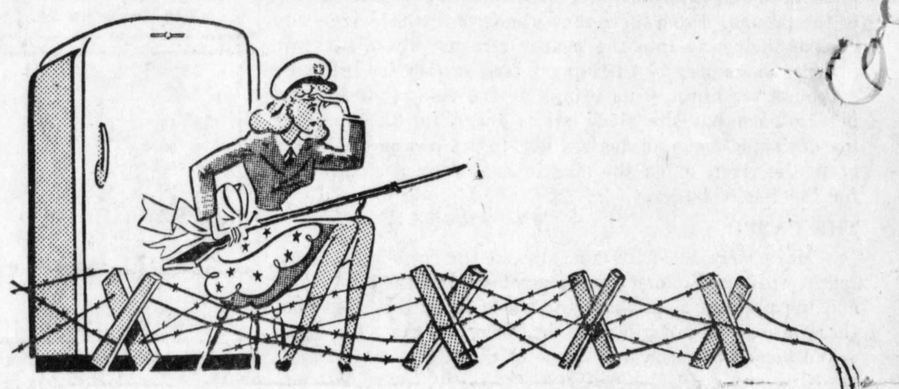

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